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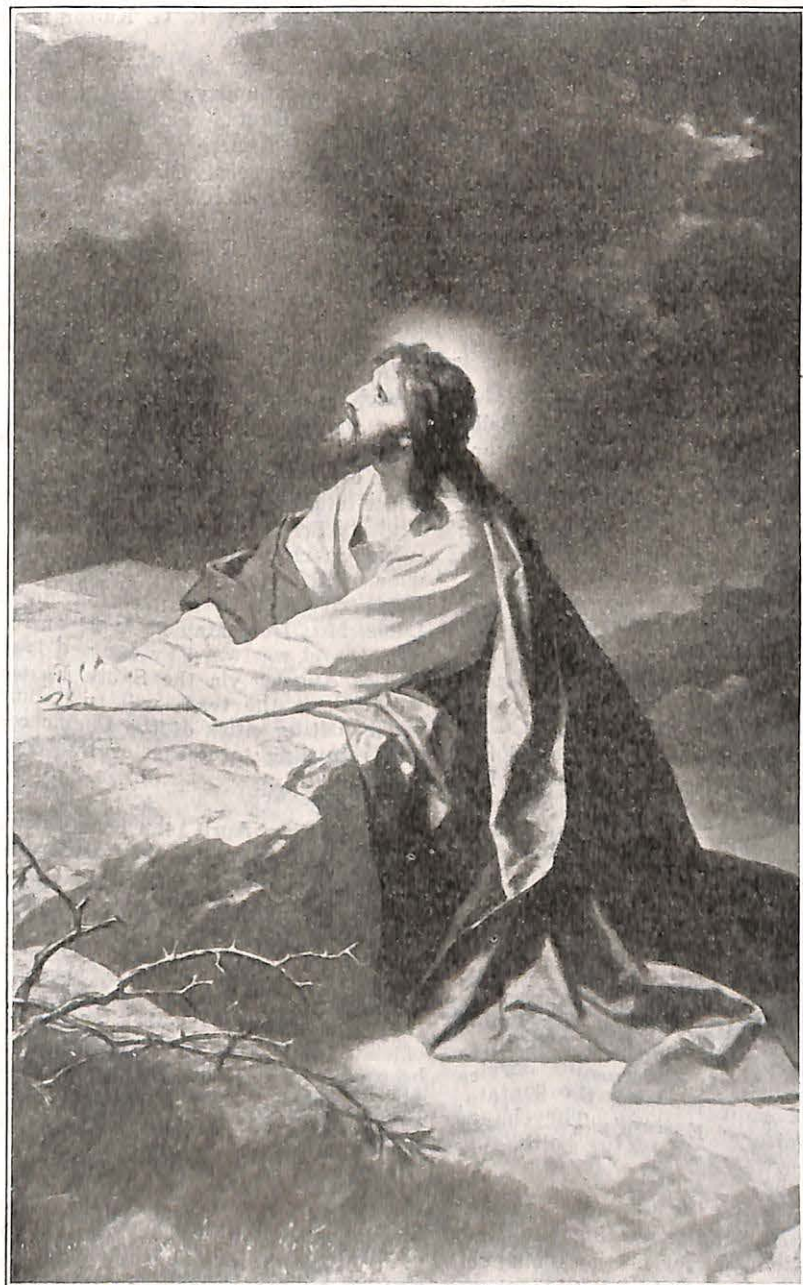
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What's Happening

The Rev. John Broeder, formerly pastor of the German Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, Canada, has accepted the call from the church at Elmo, Kansas, and will begin his ministry on the new field on Sunday, May 10.

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The Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, baptized 20 persons on Easter Sunday, April 12, in one of the most festive services which the church has held. Two weeks of evangelistic services had been held prior to Easter Sunday.

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The Rev. Frank Woyke, pastor of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., has responded favorably to the call, extended to him by the School Committee of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., to become a teacher in the academy beginning with the fall semester.

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On Sunday evening, April 26, the Senior World Wide Guild presented the dramatization, "Janey," in the First Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis. Those who took part in the play were Marjorie Manecke, Doris Maas, Faythe Habeck, Betty Jane Luedtke, Florence Ann Wheeler, Pearl Ward, Jeanette Beneditz and Penelope Damp.

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The Rev. Theodore Frey of La Salle, Colorado, baptized a number of persons on Easter Sunday. The Rev. Phil Lauer of Scottsbluff, Neb., assisted Brother Frey in evangelistic services which were held recently for ten days. The church is already making plans for the Southwestern Conference which will be held at La Salle in the fall.

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The choir of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., sang the cantata, "Our Living Lord," on Easter Sunday, April 12. The soloists were Miss D. Nieman, Miss Norien, Mr. Carl Maikoske and Mr. Elmer Sommerfeld. The pastor of the church, the Rev. L. Gassner, brought an inspiring message to the large congregation which filled the auditorium.

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On Easter Sunday morning the Rev. G. E. Lohr of Lodi, Calif., baptized a family of three persons and extended the hand of fellowship at the communion service afterwards to those and three other persons. At the evening service the church choir rendered the cantata, "The Promise of Easter." The church auditorium was crowded at both services.

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On Easter Sunday evening the Rev. Rudolph Klein, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., bap-

tized four persons on profession of their faith in Christ. Those converts were the results of evangelistic meetings held for two weeks in February by the Rev. E. Fromm of Independence, Kansas. Several other persons will be baptized at a later date. The Easter offering amounted to \$25.

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The Northern North Dakota Sunday School School Association held its spring Sunday School Convention at McClusky, N. D., on March 25 and 26. Evangelistic services were conducted for several weeks thereafter in the same church by the Rev. N. E. McCoy of Carrington, N. D. The interior of the church was recently painted and other improvements made by the various members of the church. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser is pastor of the church.

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On Easter Sunday, April 12, the Rev. August F. Runtz, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., baptized eight persons. Mrs. R. B. Favoright, the wife of a Baptist minister in Toulon, Ill., conducted evangelistic services in the church during the week preceding Easter, and most of those who were baptized were converts of the meetings. At almost every communion service since last fall new members have been received into the fellowship of the church.

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Mr. Paul Schade of Rochester, N. Y., a son of Professor and Mrs. A. A. Schade and a student in the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, is a member of the seminary quartette of the Divinity School which will appear before sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., from May 20 to 24 and will then travel westward by car and trailer to Los Angeles via the Santa Fe trail. From there the team will turn northward visiting cities of the Pacific coast and returning to Rochester by way of Canada.

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On Tuesday, April 14, a beautiful wedding was solemnized at the German Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, when Miss Martha Link was united in marriage to Mr. Jonathan Tobert of Spruce Grove. The Rev. H. Schatz, pastor of the Camrose Church, assisted by the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, minister of the Glory Hill Baptist Church of Onoway, officiated at the service. The bride has been secretary of the Alberta Tri-Union for the past six years and the bridegroom is actively serving as choir director in his church.

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On Sunday, April 5, the Sunday School in Missoula, Mont., celebrated Bible Day with a special program in which the singing by the children as well as by

the B. Y. P. U. choir was a special feature. The church was filled to its capacity and the Bible Day offering was \$8. On Easter Sunday the Sunday School at Pablo, Mont., rendered its Bible Day program. According to the Rev. C. A. Gruhn, the district missionary of Western Montana, "every available seat was occupied here also and the participants did well considering the difficulties which they have in coming together for rehearsals."

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On Sunday, March 29, a farewell program was rendered in the German Baptist Church at Sheffield, Iowa, in honor of the Rev. O. W. Brenner and his family, who have moved to George, Iowa. About 100 members and friends gathered in the basement after the morning service for a dinner and a social hour. The program in the church auditorium consisted of several songs by a ladies' quartette and the Ladies' Aid and of brief messages of farewell by leaders of the various organizations. Mr. Brenner began his ministry in the Second Church in George on the first Sunday in April.

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The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church in Madison, S. D., held a sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning. After the prelude by Arlowene Backus and a song service led by Dorothy Schroeder, the Rev. H. R. Schroeder, took part and led in prayer. Evelyn Hienold and Sadie Baumann sang a duet number. Eunice Kolashefsky, president of the society, introduced the topic on "Immortality." Those who took part in the several addresses were Helen Kirstine, Pearl Adam, Eunice Kolashefsky and Ethel Adam. Dorothy Schroeder also rendered a piano solo. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder held special pre-Easter services for two weeks which resulted in several decisions for Jesus Christ.

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EDITORIAL

THE most heartening comment on "The Baptist Herald" which is repeatedly received in the letters from its readers is that the publication is

Looking Ahead With "The Baptist Herald"

getting better and more interesting with every new issue. Every effort is being made to continue the special features and colorful illustrations which will delight the heart of the reader and win many new subscribers and friends. "The Baptist Herald" will soon begin its fifteenth year of service, and plans are already being made to make of 1936 "a banner year" of many good things and happy surprises.

With this issue of "The Baptist Herald" a series of articles is beginning which will be of unusual interest to the youth and adults of our churches. Almost everyone loves beautiful religious paintings. Their spiritual influence on the lives of young and old is beyond computation. Such pictures as "Daniel in the Lion's Den" and "Christ or Diana," hanging on the walls of our home, were silent but convincing sermons for us as children. The striking picture of Jesus, entitled "The Nazarene," by Colonel Todd was as popular during the first year of the Chicago World's Fair as any feature in the famous Hall of Science.

But interpreters are needed to depict the story of the paintings and the incidents in the artist's life which brought him his inspiration. Someone must impart the spiritual message of the picture until its intended religious purpose glows before one like a shining star. Such an interpretive ministry should have a hundredfold blessing, since then the pictures in our homes and churches will speak with new and impressive meaning.

One of the most famous paintings in the world is Hofmann's "Christ in Gethsemane." The beautiful reproduction on the front cover and the illuminating article concerning the picture by Milton R. Schroeder will make this issue of "The Baptist Herald" of more than usual interest.

Other articles which will follow once a month, will interpret Munkacsy's "Christ Before Pilate," Zimmerman's "Jesus and the Fishermen," Millet's "The Angelus," Duerer's "The Prodigal Son" and Plockhorst's "Jesus and the Children." An exceptionally fine reproduction of Rembrandt's "Christ at Emmaus" will also grace one of the forthcoming front covers.

The symposiums on some vital religious theme by the young people of our churches have proven to be the most popular features in the publication.

Others will appear from time to time on "My Greatest Answer to Prayer," "What Christ Means to Me," "Institute Echoes" and "The Best Book Which I Read in 1936." A new department will be added to the interesting "Workshop Page" and the "Contributor's Page" which will be called, "A Denominational Forum," in which critical and suggestive articles, not to exceed six hundred words, will be published.

The June 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald," to be enlarged to twenty-four pages, will be devoted entirely to a "Special Denominational Number." Those who subscribe immediately will secure this issue without fail. The fortieth anniversary of the publication of Charles M. Sheldon's world-famous book, "In His Steps," will later be observed by an article describing a personal interview with the author. The seventy-fifth anniversary of the birth of Walter Rauschenbusch this fall will be remembered by a notable article by Professor F. W. C. Meyer, who is at present assisting in the writing of a biography on Rauschenbusch.

Looking ahead with "The Baptist Herald" through the eyes of the business manager and the editor will present to the readers a banquet table filled with many good things for a spiritual and intellectual repast. We want you to invite others to the feast by your personal solicitation and a friendly introduction to the paper. Let us together as an enlarged friendly "Baptist Herald" family of four thousand enjoy the inspiring and delightful issues ahead of us!

A Masterpiece of Religious Art

By MR. MILTON R. SCHROEDER of Rochester, New York

ONE of the most popular of religious pictures and one that is to be found in homes and churches everywhere is Hofmann's "Christ in Gethsemane." It was the work of an artist whose chief concern was to portray the character of the Master in an attractive and appealing manner. His success in accomplishing his purpose is reflected by the universal acclaim which has been and still is given to his outstanding paintings, notably, in addition to this Gethsemane portrait, his "Christ and the Doctors" and "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler."



Mr. Milton R. Schroeder
(For Biographical Sketch See P. 158)

Hofmann was a prolific illustrator of the life of Christ. Although he is classed as a historical and portrait painter, his fame rests upon his religious pictures which have found a wider use in churches and Sunday Schools than those of any other artist. He is never profound but always clear and simple. Perhaps, it is that naive simplicity which has elevated him to the rank of master and merited for him the honor which he rightfully deserves. Painted in 1890 in Dresden, Germany, the canvas, "Christ in Gethsemane," is reputed to be the most copied religious picture in the world.

The Original Painting

At present, the original hangs in the "Christ Chapel" of the Riverside Church in New York City. When the church was erected, this room was planned as a mortuary chapel where a body could rest before the funeral service instead of having to remain in the undertaking parlors. A small stained glass window was to have been part of the room, but Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., remembering that he had just been offered the opportunity of purchasing Hofmann's "Christ in Gethsemane," suggested that he would be willing to obtain the picture and then give it to the church for enhancing the beauty of the little chapel, on the condition that the general public would have access to it, except when in use as a mortuary. It was his belief that such a rare treasure should not be enjoyed by a few but that it should be made

available to as many as possible who wished to view it. His offer met with unanimous approval, and accordingly the portrait was purchased and placed in the mortuary chapel where it still hangs, attracting the art lovers of the world and offering inspiration to those in search of a quiet place for prayer and meditation.

Like other men, Jesus had some extremely happy moments in his life, moments which must have given him an unusual amount of satisfaction, pleasure and happiness. Such must have been his feelings when he was baptized, when he aided some poor people who needed his help, when he spoke a parable that seemed to touch someone's heart, when he blessed the little children that were brought to him and when he succeeded in driving the money changers from the temple courtyard. Those experiences were high places in his unusual career; they were events to which he undoubtedly looked back with great satisfaction. But like other men, Jesus also had his more sorrowful moments. He could have testified well to Longfellow's philosophy that "into each life some rain must fall" and that "some days must be dark and dreary." He had his mountain-top experiences, but he also knew what it meant to go down into the valley of sorrow. The Gethsemane incident, just preceding his death, is representative of some of the grief which he suffered. While it perhaps represents suffering and mental anguish at their worst, it also represents moral victory and inner conquest at their best.

The Garden of Sorrows

Hofmann's portrait is a true picture of grief, sorrow and mental anguish. Notice the blackness and hardness of the garden surroundings. The cold, hard rock, the thorn bush, the storm in the sky, the sleeping disciples and the clenched hands of Jesus all suggest the bitterness of the occasion. This is no garden of flowers. This is rather the garden of sorrow where Jesus is fighting the supreme battle of his life. And it is a terrible struggle, one that demands every ounce of available strength and concentration.

At first sight it may seem that Jesus is fighting this battle alone. His loneliness is reflected by his surroundings and by his disciples who were not able to watch for one brief hour. But upon closer observation it is discovered that he is not alone in his sorrow and anguish. His head is turned upward, his face is toward his Father-God and the light streaming down from the heavens is indicative that he is in fellowship with the Divine Being who controls his destinies and from whom his help will come. This source of strength and guidance has been tapped before, for Jesus was preeminently a man of prayer. Many have been the times when grace was given to meet his daily tasks. Now in the greatest crisis of his life Jesus

turns once more to that source of help, expecting to receive divine guidance in his hour of decision and divine strength to assist him on his way to the inevitable cross.

A Picture of Victory

As Hofmann has pictured Jesus, he has already received the blessing from his heavenly Father. While there are numerous indications of pain and hardship in the painting, this is not really a picture of grief and despair. Jesus is not sweating drops of blood and he does not show the agony through which he must have passed. The worst seems to be over; the struggle seems to be won. The expression on Jesus' face suggests that now he is saying, "Not my will, Father, but thine be done." This is truly a picture of victory.

Jesus is emerging from the bitter struggle victorious over his lower nature and impulses, and ready to submit to the divine will of his heavenly Father. The light that shines about his head is the outward sign of the majestic glory of that moral achievement. A short while before the possibility of a lesser choice presented itself. He could have chosen the easier way and escaped "the via dolorosa." But now the conquest over ease and self is ended. He is resolved; his mind is set. He is determined to choose the more difficult path. He is ready to face the test, cost what it may. His eyes are toward the cross—the cross which means re-

Like a Tree Planted in God

By the REV. E. G. KLIESE of Detroit, Michigan

PICTURE to yourself a tree planted by the living waters that brings forth its fruit in due season whose leaves do not wither. What a simile of true character—"a tree planted in God"!

There is a certain individuality about trees that requires special attention. No two trees of the forest are alike. Each differs from the other in glory. So the personality of each person is unlike that of any other. Each tree has been separately planted. Immediately, after planting, it asserts itself by showing life and power and by increasing in stature. Here again a mystery reveals itself. Each one of us, individually made by God, shows vigor and growth, physically and mentally. Each one of us reflects some part of the divine glory.

Each year brings new hope for the harvest, be it that of leaves or fruit. Man trusts the living God. God is the hope of them who build on him. It is they who shall flourish in the courts of the Lord. They, like Paul, plant in others a living hope which by Apollon's watering and God's increase lives through eternity.

We look at a tree, tall, majestic and beautiful, or we see what we call "a runt of a tree." Each has roots sent into the earth that they may serve for various purposes. Striking its roots deeply into the soil, the tree shows the secret of its growth. These roots serve as feeders as they invisibly lay hold on that which is needful. Herein lies the secret of human character. Those deep,

demption and salvation for his fellow men, the coming of the Kingdom of God.

The Gethsemanes of Life

The longer we look at a picture like this, the more probable it is that we will see ourselves in it. Somehow or other, we feel that Jesus was not the only man to visit the garden of sorrows. We all have our Gethsemanes, in one form or another. To all of us there come experiences which are harrowing and perplexing. To none of us are sorrows and disappointments peculiar or foreign. We all have our individual struggles and battles with which to contend every day of our lives. It is common for all of us, standing bewildered at life's crossroads, to determine which of the two or more paths we will take. Happy is the man who, when coming to such a crisis, can meet it forcefully and emerge triumphantly, saying, "Not my will, Father, but thine be done."!

Into an olive garden Jesus went,
His strength exhausted and his courage spent.

In anguish, tears and bitter agony
He found the Father's way to Calvary.

His weakness now subdued, the triumph won,
He prayed, "Not my will, Lord, but thine be done."
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Lord, help me here in my Gethsemane
To let thee ever have thy way with me.

unseen roots which lay hold on the eternal resources of God, on the waters of life, are those which endure.

Our present generation is so unstable. Why? It isn't that it is bad but that its roots are so shallow that the least storm is able to blow it over. Passing one day through a timber country shortly after a storm had visited that section of the country, we saw elm trees, beech trees, apple trees and others of shallow rootage blown over, their roots spread as a sail. But the sturdy oak stood majestically as a lone sentinel standing guard over the wreckage. What had held it? Its root was anchored deeply, and so it outrode the storm. Faith, too, is a tap root, laying a firm hold on the eternal God.

In the roots of a tree we see not only the secret of its sustaining life and growth but we also see a power, invisible but quietly working in the tree. Think of the moisture that is being lifted up into the tree quietly with no strain nor creak of machinery, with no effort nor confusion. The rattling noise of "busy bodies" often attract us, but it is left to a deeply rooted and quiet man of God who with his transforming power and influence persistently promotes that which is for the good of all.

As Paul in Ephesians 3:17 wrote to the Ephesians, so he also writes to us "that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, . . . might be filled with all the fullness of God."

Is the Ministry Still Worth While?

The author of this provocative article, who is the pastor of one of our larger churches in a metropolitan center, desires to remain anonymous for certain reasons enumerated to the editor, but the challenge of his article deserves to resound through the corridors of our denomination.

By a MINISTER OF A GERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

SOMETIME ago I came upon an old classmate of mine and found him in a rather dismal mood, although he tried hard to put on a brave front. After the first greeting, which was very hearty, I put my hand on his shoulder and inquired about the cause of his trouble.

"What seems to worry you, John? You are the pastor of a prominent church and your efforts seem to be crowned with success. And you are still in middle age."

"Well, Bill, what you say is true, and yet there are some things that momentarily dampen my enthusiasm," he replied. "Do you ever think of the pastors who have passed middle age and find themselves without the pale of usefulness so far as the church is concerned? It is not that they are incapable of continuing to serve and to render a blessed ministry but that the churches have decreed that they should be laid on the shelf. They have served the denomination for twenty-five years and more, and now they are told, not by word of mouth but by action, that they are not wanted anymore. I feel for these men who are loyal and true and who have endured hardships as true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ."

"John, do not talk in this pessimistic mood. You cannot change the situation, and besides it does not affect you directly. Forget it and be happy because you are in the service of the King."

"This is not all, however, Bill. Do you remember when we began in the ministry some twenty years ago? Our churches were almost entirely German. We had opportunities of becoming pastors of English Baptist churches, but we decided to stay with our denomination. Indeed, we have spent many happy years in this relationship. When the English language came to be used in our churches, we adapted ourselves and carried on in the two languages. Gradually, the language problem is disappearing and we find ourselves at the place where English is the imperative and dominating tongue. This, however, is not troubling me, but the thing that pries on my mind is the fact that our churches are not equally as loyal to their pastors as their pastors have been and are to them."

"Now just what do you mean, John? I do not understand you at all."

"Just this, that when our pulpits become vacant, our own German Baptist men have little chance of filling them. Our churches reach out for men in the English Baptist denomination and even for men in other denominations to fill these vacancies. Are they not in substance saying, 'We do not care

for the men who have served us loyally and well during the transition period and who have rejected inviting opportunities because they wanted to be dependable?' They are rejecting, in part, the ministry of faithful men."

"Of course, that is true and it furnishes enough cause to feel downcast, but don't give way to your feeling. It seems to me that you are painting a rather dismal picture. Some of it may be true but surely not all. View the situation in another light. God who calls his ministers will also take care of them. The Jewish people rejected its prophets and even its Messiah. But that did not, however, change the status of the prophets in serving as God's voice and in proclaiming his will. All that God requires of us is faithfulness. If the people of God do not applaud our efforts, we should not be disturbed. He who calls us will never fail us. Furthermore, you must remember, John, that it is not necessarily you with whom people are dissatisfied, but it is with the Lord who has commissioned you. They are not rejecting you but the One whose messenger you are. You see, our generation has decreed that a man's usefulness is terminated with the age of forty-five. Whereas God called you for a life of service. We German Baptist ministers may have been a little too timid in pronouncing the fact that we do not follow a profession but a calling. Don't you think it is a tremendously glorious experience to be in the service of the Lord? We are first of all, God's servants and, secondly, whatever else we may be. Our remuneration is not always in dollars and cents but in more enduring values."

"Bill, I am glad I met you at this time. We are often too pessimistic and do not look at things in the right light. After all it is not the church that called us into the ministry but the Lord of the harvest. To him we would be true."

"Now you have the right view of things, John. It would be foolish to assert that the prophet has a thornless path of roses, although some people take his job to be a snap. The prophet of God must always reckon with the possibility of being misunderstood. If he were always understood, he would have an easy sailing all the way, and we might question his message."

"Bill, I wish that our churches could have listened to our conversation and probably they would have come to a new appreciation of the ministry. Why not write it down and pass it on to others?"

Thus it came about that the above lines were written.

Young People's and Sunday School Workshop Page

Why Churches Fail to Attract and Hold Young People

BY THE REV. JOHN P. KUEHL, PASTOR-ELECT

OF THE WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

The Rev. John P. Kuehl who served the Rock Hill Baptist Church at Boston, Mass., as pastor for the past four years, recently resigned his charge to accept the call extended to him by the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., where he began his pastorate on May 1. As a devoted young minister and genuine friend to large numbers of young people Mr. Kuehl is a living embodiment of the principles which he so clearly enunciates in this article.—Editor.

In consideration of this topic I may undoubtedly assume that our churches are failing to attract and to hold the young people. I maintain that there are two reasons for this. Most churches hold to one or the other extreme, either that of elaborate, numerous attractions for their youth or the other extreme of indifference to the needs of young people expecting an adult program to suit them.

BOYS AND GIRLS, AGES 12 TO 14

Take, for example, the boys and girls of early adolescence in trying to understand their needs. This is the period in life from the twelfth to the fourteenth year. This is a time of great change in body and in mind for them. There is an awakening in life. New adjustments have to be made. These boys and girls desire comradeship. They love organization. They have a spirit of great loyalty and respect for common standards. It is a critical time in life in which there must be a balance between bodily and mental growth.

Herein parents and church leaders often fail. They misunderstand them. These young people argue in quest of information. They take the world very literally. They have decidedly pronounced likes and dislikes. The church must essentially guide these boys and girls if they would attract and hold them. In this regard, the main thing is to remember that these young people are more interested in the actual practice of religion than in the study of it. They must be given opportunities for practice in prayer, participation in worship and the working out of the Christian principles in real service.

The religion of youth is social in its expression. These boys and girls are in the period of "hero worship." They admire endurance, sacrifice and loyalty, and all of these have been manifested supremely by Jesus Christ. Do not feel that such things do not enter into their hearts. They are secretive. They are having a struggle for self-mastery, and Christ alone can effectively enter the hearts of such young people. They need

social contacts, play and recreation. But do not neglect the opportunity of working and serving together with them in an organized, well supervised group. This does not need to be limited to the activities of Sunday but a definite program can be planned and carried out throughout the week.

ADOLESCENT YOUTH

The middle adolescent years of youth from the fifteenth through the seventeenth years should receive the greatest consideration of all in our attention. These years are often called "the no-man's land" of human life. It is here that the danger point is at its height.

The young people of this age are growing so quickly physically that embarrassment is often the result of lack of coordination of muscles and limbs. They feel a lure toward the bad and the good. There are so many emotional surges and so much energy in this period that the Christian church needs to meet their strong needs. Recreation of all wholesome types are now especially needed. If the church does not provide them, these young people will go elsewhere.

But recreation must be balanced with a fine regard for increased capacity for thinking, the thirst for truth and the thought of a future career. We often look on the youth of these years with distrust. Supervision, of course, is necessary, but in many of our churches youth feels that it cannot be trusted and must always be guided by its elders. Young people resent that. Let us put them on their honor, and we shall be rewarded by their loyalty.

CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE

We should not feel alarmed when we see them swaying, perhaps, from shyness to conceit, from the desire for company to a yearning for solitude. That is natural for them. Many abilities and capacities are hidden from parents and teachers, but this is the time to look for them in the young people. They show their future aptitudes at this age.

In the church it is best to give these young people a system of moral, ethical and Christian ideals, teaching them the Bible truths and presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ winsomely to them. Vocational talks, talks on the crafts and the arts, debates and dramas, educational trips and guidance in reading should be a phase of the church's ministry to them. These young people need an efficient leader who understands them and who can win their confidence, whether that be through the religious teaching or social contacts.

The church fails in its responsibility to this age of youth when these adolescents are not separated from other ages or when there is an indifference to the life of the adolescent when he is not in church. There is a time when youth will sway easily from good to bad and bad to good. We must watch over them with friendly spirit, provide efficient and interesting workers for them and encourage prayerfully all their endeavors.

YOUNG PEOPLE, AGES 18 TO 24

The period of later adolescence from 18 to 24 usually includes college students or those young people who are working. This is the period of life in which most crimes are committed and definite changes are made in attitudes towards the church and religion. Why? Is it because we do not have entertainments? Are we failing to give the needed spiritual development?

Young people talk a great deal about the good times they want, and one sometimes surmises that they want nothing else. But deep down in their hearts they are looking for information. They have a mental capacity for critical analysis and will not accept things that are not proven or which they cannot reason out. Too often the Christian church fails to present a large enough challenge to these young people. It does not give them the convincing facts that might show them the real need of religion. They are finding that life is not so rosy as it used to look. They are seeing churches hopelessly divided and meeting teachers unfriendly to God. They are listening to a philosophy which tends to eliminate God from the material universe. Do our churches strengthen them with knowledge that is sufficient to meet all these things? If not, then they are failing? The best situation is to have the boys and girls so grounded in the fundamentals of religion that nothing can change them in later years.

The crime wave among the youth of our land is said to be due to the over-supply of nervous energy and excessive ego. The churches can provide for an outlet of that energy in social and service programs. But there must always be a place for devotion.

CHRISTIAN TRAINING NEEDED

So often our failure is to be attributed to an army of untrained, unsupervised teachers in our churches, who do not understand those with whom they deal. We need to provide the necessary Christian training and pedagogy for our church leaders in order to compete with the standards of public school teaching.

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 fiancé 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 it was time to go home. Bob invited the girls and Murray to come to his farm on the next day and to watch him plant corn, to which they all eagerly responded. Later, that same evening Gloria talked to her sister about the real environment, the spiritual environment of the young men, Bob Carroll, much to Vanna's bewilderment.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

Vanna looked at her in wonder, and a kind of wistfulness.

"What is his real environment?" she asked curiously.

Gloria was still a long time and then she answered:

"I'm not going to tell you, Vanna. If you stay here long enough you'll probably see for yourself. Vanna Sutherland, if you're going to try any of your tricks on either of these two men, believe me I'll do something about it! They're not like the men we've known. They're not game to be shot and hung at our belts. They're men, and they're real! If you're going to make fun of them I won't stand for it."

Vanna surveyed her sister in stern amazement.

"What do you think I am, Gloria Sutherland? Do you think I'm going around collecting scalps or something? Don't you think I can appreciate true worth when I see it, even if I don't belong in the same class?"

"Well," said Gloria only half appeased, "anybody that is willing to go around with Emory Zane when you know what he is—"

"I haven't said I was willing, have I? Didn't I come off here in the wilds to get away from him, where I could think it over and find out just what I do think? And now because I'm trying to get your

reaction to these two who are so different from anything I've ever even heard of before you accuse me of making fun of them."

"I'm sorry, Van, only I didn't know just where you stood. And I don't know what I think about them, only I won't have them made fun of."

"Well, I'm convinced from all you say that it's rather dangerous to be in their company long. Perhaps we'd better give up planting corn, stick around here and read the classics out of that old bookcase downstairs," said Vanna solemnly.

"Don't be a fool, Van! I'm learning things, and you can too if you'll take it in the right way. Our father was brought up to lots of things we've never had and I think we ought to understand them a little at least. These men have somehow mysteriously got the secret Dad knew once and I want to know it too."

"Exactly!" said Vanna. "Interesting but dangerous! However I'll stick around and take care of you, Glory. I know my duty when I see it!"

"Oh, stop talking about it, Van, and go to bed. We've had a pleasant afternoon and evening, anyway, haven't we?"

"Too pleasant for one's peace of mind," said Vanna half laughing. "Really, darling, it's been gorgeous. I never dreamed anything so simple could be so nice. Now get to bed and don't look so troubled. I'll say this, anyhow, I'm glad you came up here!—And I'm glad I came too! Good night!"

Vanna came home from the corn planting sweetly thoughtful and spoke no more of insincerity or doubtful questionings.

They had had a glorious time. The day had been perfect. Each of them had ridden the corn planter once around the field and had the thrill of watching it perform its intricate function with celerity and accuracy. They asked questions that would have astonished a scientist and made an old farmer laugh, but they were tremendously interested, and had an immense respect when they came away for a young man who was willing to give up a city career, bury himself in the wilderness, and get down to hard work.

They had gone through the old farm house, only a small wing of which Robert Carroll was using for himself, the rest being entirely empty, and had admired the spacious rooms and the pleasant outlook. Vanna had stood for a long moment alone at one of the upstairs windows looking off to the bright hills and wondering how it would seem to be the

mistress of that house and live here with none of the gaities in her life which she had always had. Then Robert Carroll came over to the window and smiled down upon her and the drab outlook suddenly grew bright.

"You know it isn't really just a game I'm playing," he said, and his tone was strangely deep and significant.

She looked up startled as if he had read her thoughts.

"We don't have picnics under the trees every day, nor strawberries and a group of friends. There are cold days and dark days and lonely days and a year's round work whether one feels like it or not."

Was he trying to make her understand the difference between her world and his? Vanna looked off to the quiet hills and felt a wrenching of her heart. What was there about this young man that so intrigued her? It was powerful. She must get away from it. She did not belong in this world and it was casting a spell over her.

Yet she lingered a long time at the window talking, trying to find out the secret of the peace in this young man's life, while down on the front porch Gloria and Murray MacRae were poring over a small limp Bible that Murray carried in his pocket.

It was a bright simple day, full of wholesome activity and restful talk, but its result was far reaching.

A few days later Mrs. Sutherland at the dinner table demanded the attention of her abstracted husband to a letter that Vanna had written her.

"Charles, there's something I must speak to you about at once. Do give me your attention for a few minutes. I'm worried nearly to death," she said in a tone that her husband knew meant business.

"Worried?" he said, vaguely lifting questioning eyes across the table, just as though he was not worrying himself these days and nights all the time. "What is the matter now?"

"Why, I've had a letter from Vanna," she announced, unfolding one of Vanna's brief scrawls, two-words-to-a-line, three-lines-to-a-page. "It's high time those girls came home and we three can go off to some really respectable place for the rest of the summer. If you can't go with us at least we three can go. Listen!"

She lifted Vanna's letter and began to read:

"You don't need to worry about Gloria. She is looking well, and seems more

rested than I have seen her for months. We are leading the simple life and really enjoying it. Yesterday what do you think we did? Learned how to plant corn. We each tried a round on the corn planter. And, Mother, it was fun! We both enjoyed it!"

The indignant mother lifted her eyes to her husband's face. "There, Charles, what do you think of that? It seems to me the limit has been reached! Your daughters, reared to refinement, riding on a farm machine for planting corn. Gloria and Evangeline Sutherland planting corn!"

"Well, what is the matter with that?" asked the annoyed head of the house with his mind eager to return to a knotty problem of the morrow. "They've ridden on bicycles, and wild horses, and even tried airplanes a little, why shouldn't they do so simple a thing as to plant corn? I'm sure I am glad if they can get down to simple healthful things for a little while and learn how the world lives and grows."

"Charles!" fairly snorted his wife, if one can use so plebeian a word for a cultured Bostonian wife. "How pitiful that you cannot understand! It only goes to show that one never overcomes the initial environment! You cannot see the difference between riding on fine horses at the riding club, or hunt, and driving a corn planting machine through a muddy field! Oh!" she moaned, "what a sight they will be when they get back!"

"My dear, one doesn't plant corn in the mud," informed her husband quietly, "your agricultural knowledge is somewhat at fault."

"No," said the comely matron sighing deeply, "thank goodness I wasn't brought up on a farm. It's something one doesn't get over. And that is the very reason why I think the girls should come home at once! I want you to call them up this evening and order them home immediately! As carefully as we have brought them up, to have them exposed to such common things at this impressionable time of their lives! Those girls are both like you, Charles, and I'm afraid they're reverting to type. I couldn't stand it to have that happen to them after all their brilliant prospects! To think of Gloria just on the eve of a splendid marriage—!"

"Mother! Can you say that, after what happened?"

"Now Charles, don't be absurd. You know the Asher family is beyond reproach and socially about as high as one can get around here. No family is more respected, and everybody counted that a brilliant marriage. It's absurd to hold a moment of weakness against poor Stan. It wasn't Stan's fault that he got shot by some low-down creature that wasn't fit to live on the same earth with him. Poor Stan!"

"Adelaide! Stop that sentimental patter!" said her husband indignantly. "It was Stan's fault that he was shot in the company he was in, and you know it! I feel that Gloria was providentially saved from a life of sorrow. If you can

bewail her fate when you know all the circumstances, then I cannot understand a mother's heart."

"No, you can't understand a mother's heart, Charles!" said his wife furiously. "You think it is pleasant to plan and work and sacrifice to put children in their proper sphere in life and then see everything upset by a whim. Gloria sent off to play childishly in the fields, making mud pies to forget her trouble that she ought to sit up and face like a woman and get over as quickly as she can; and Vanna sacrificing her whole summer, and perhaps her life's fortune to be with her! It is absurd. It is unspeakable. I don't suppose that you know that Vanna was probably on the eve of making a brilliant engagement, d'd you, when you ordered her off to that outlandish farm town to care for her sister?"

"No," said the father wearily, "what brilliant marriage was Vanna meditating?"

"Well," said his wife preening herself reproachfully, and turning her head so that the long jet and pearl eardrops twinkled and one of them drooped on her white shoulder, "you've been so absorbed in business lately that you haven't paid the slightest attention to what was going on in the heart of your family, but Vanna has made a brilliant conquest. A really distinguished man of the world has been deeply devoted to her ever since Gloria went away. It's strange you haven't noticed, even abstracted as you are! He has been here almost constantly until she went away, and it really was very impolitic for her to have gone. I am sure only stern duty would have allowed her to accede to your request. I don't suppose you in the least realized, but a girl doesn't have a devoted lover like this one often. Rich, distinguished, cultured, traveled! They say he has been all over the world, and visited intimately with the nobility of Europe. He—!"

Mr. Sutherland raised his hand in protest.

"Who is this paragon of a lover, may I ask?"

His wife pronounced the name impressively.

"Mr. Emory Jarvis Zane!"

"You don't mean that hound of an Emory Zane?" roared the incensed father.

"Now, Charles, if you are going to start being abusive!" said his wife offensively. "Every time I speak of somebody you take a dislike to him at once. Just because I tell you how wonderful he is!"

"Look here, Adelaide! You don't know what you are talking about! Emory Zane isn't fit for Vanna to wipe her feet on! Why, he isn't respectable! Every man in town knows what he is. Did you know that he has been divorced twice? And the wife he now has is seeking a divorce from him?"

"Oh, you're mistaken, Charles," said his wife in a superior tone.

"Adelaide!" said her husband sternly, "I know what I'm talking about! I've

been in the confidence of that woman's family for some time, and have used all the influence I had to help them. She was a beautiful young girl when he married her, she is not much older than Vanna now, and yet her hair has turned perfectly white with trouble! I insist that you shall have nothing more to do with that man! I insist that he shall not be allowed in the house, and that neither you nor my children shall have any further communication with him!"

"No, Charles! How absurd! You can't give me orders that way you know."

"I certainly can, and I will! This is one matter in which I will be obeyed!"

"But Charles! What can I say to him when he comes? I can't insult him!"

"No, you're right in that, Adelaide! It wouldn't be possible to insult a man like that because he has no quality good enough to insult! He is entirely beyond insult. The worst that you could say to him is not as bad as he is. Adelaide, I insist!"

"Now, lock here, Charles, just because you have listened to a lot of gossip I can't treat any man that way! I have been friendly and sympathetic with him. I would have to give some explanation—"

"Tell him your husband has forbidden his presence in the house!" thundered the man who was usually so quiescent regarding the matters of the household. "He is a viper! He is a fiend!"

"Now, Charles," soothed his astonished wife, "don't talk so loud, the servants will hear you! Of course if you feel that way—!"

"I do feel that way! And furthermore, I cannot understand why you don't feel that way also! You who are afraid of a little manual labor for the girls!"

"Well, but, Charles, that certainly is the limit, girls like that going out on a farm machine! It isn't respectable! I suppose of course they only did it for fun, but really, if it should get back to Roseland I don't know what would be thought of them. It is such a queer freak, anyway, going off up there to that forsaken place and being around with farm people! When they might be having their own congenial friends about them."

"If you ask me I think they will find a lot more congenial friends up in the country than down here in Roseland. At least the young people up there aren't going around all night from one speaker to another, trying to see how much liquor they can carry, and how many wild crimes they can get away with under the name of fun, or 'whoopie,' or whatever crazy name they may happen to call it!"

"Charles! You oughtn't to talk that way. As if the girls went with lowdown company."

"Well, they do, don't they? Didn't they just escape being caught in a low-down place in lowdown company last winter when Madden's Road House was raided? They hadn't been away from

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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On Easter Sunday, April 12, the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, pastor of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., had the joy of baptizing 15 persons, five of whom were adults. During the winter months the church held a 12 weeks' titling period, during which the weekly contributions almost trebled, and they have remained at a level of about \$10 a week higher than they were previously. From Friday, May 15 to Sunday, May 17, the church will be host to the large young people's conference of the Atlantic Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Cathay, N. D., observed its annual festival on Easter Sunday evening, April 12, by rendering a cantata followed by a brief play. Miss Frieda Klein, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. D. Klein, was director and Mrs. E. Bibelheimer, accompanist, for the cantata. By special request the cantata and play were repeated a week later in the nearby Germantown Church before a large audience. The service on Good Friday evening was followed by the communion service, at which the Rev. E. Bibelheimer, pastor of the Cathay Church, received four new members into the church.

The four-act play, "The Enemy," was presented by the Baptist young people of Milwaukee, Wis., on Friday evening, April 24, before a large and appreciative audience in the American Lutheran Association Auditorium. Among the young people taking part were the following from the Bethany Baptist Church of the city: Willard Reese, Lydia Schultz, Harold Schielke, Wallace Kehrein, Harold Giesecke, Betty Froemming and Robert Vilhauer, as well as Gertrude Jeske and Robert Gallun of the Immanuel Baptist Church. The German Baptist young people of Milwaukee are brilliantly prominent in the B. Y. P. U. activities of the city.

The pulpit of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been ably supplied during the recent months by Mr. Winfield Ruelke, a young man who is widely known and beloved among the young people of the Atlantic Conference, the Rev. Lester Schoen and the Rev. William A. Mueller. Mr. Ruelke also brought the message at the young people's Easter sunrise service, at the close of which he was presented with a beautiful Bible as a gift by the young people. Mr. A. E. Kannwischer, a member of this year's graduating class of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., will serve during the summer months beginning on or about Sunday, June 14.

The Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., baptized eight young people on Easter Sunday morning.

Evangelistic services were also conducted by the pastor during the preceding week with a very favorable response in attendance. On Easter Sunday evening the church choir presented the cantata, "Morn of Victory." On Sunday evening April 26, the church united with the German Methodist Church at which time the male chorus of the German Baptist, Methodist and Evangelical churches rendered a sacred program. Miss Eva Young is mimeographing the weekly church bulletins, which are as uniquely interesting and attractive as any which have arrived at the editorial office of "The Baptist Herald."

The German Baptist Seminary Quartet of Rochester, N. Y., composed of Otto Patzia, Edgar Klatt, Otto Nallinger and John Mueller, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Mabel Mueller, conducted inspirational services in song and message from April 1 to 5 in the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn. On Easter Sunday evening the young people of the church had charge of the program with Mrs. E. Zissell and Mr. R. Brassell speaking briefly. At the conclusion of that service on April 12 the church honored Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Dittrich on their 25th wedding anniversary with a brief impressive program and the presentation of a bouquet of flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Dittrich have been prominently associated with many activities of the church.

The Sunday School attendance on Easter Sunday in the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., reached the splendid total of 444. The church was beautifully decorated with many fragrant flowers. The pastors of the church, the Rev. J. Kratt, D.D., and the Rev. Fred Mueller, brought the messages at the morning service before an audience that taxed the capacity of the auditorium and large gallery. In the evening service the Rev. J. Kratt had the joy of baptizing 10 persons, two of whom were converts of the Stafford Church. The members of the church in Stafford, Ore., were guests of the Portland Church on Easter Sunday evening and enjoyed with the rest of the audience the rendition of the cantata following the baptismal service.

On Easter Sunday morning a group of young people of the German Baptist Church in Randolph, Minn., met at a sunrise service for devotion and spiritual fellowship. In the evening the young people of the church presented the pageant entitled, "The Challenge of the Cross" which was very impressive. The reporter stated that "the pastor, the Rev. H. C. Wedel, and the adults of the church are anxious that the young people shall catch Christ's spirit of service. Only as our churches give opportunity for expression in Christian service will spiritual impressions register themselves on young lives. The young people are willing to work constructively for their Mas-

ter and Lord, and with the help of consecrated leadership this will be accomplished."

The Rev. O. R. Schroeder, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., baptized five persons on Palm Sunday evening and three others at a service on Good Friday evening on profession of their faith in Christ. Some of these had been converted during the evangelistic services conducted from Feb. 23 to March 8 by the Rev. E. Umbach of Ann Arbor, Mich. At the communion service, held on Good Friday evening, nine persons were given the right hand of fellowship into the church. Easter Sunday was a day of abundant spiritual blessings with a large attendance at all services, exquisitely lovely decorations featured by 275 calla lilies, the Easter offering amounting to \$121 and the rendition of the cantata, "The Song of Triumph," under the direction of Mr. Frank O. Stanway.

The birthdays of the pastors of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., were recently celebrated on two gala occasions. On Sunday evening, March 22, at the close of the Bible Day program, recognition was made of the birthday of the Rev. Jacob Kratt, D.D. In behalf of the church, Mr. Neubert, a deacon, extended congratulations and presented a gift to Dr. Kratt. The B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School also had a part in the festivities. On April 8 after the midweek service the church pleasantly surprised the Rev. Fred W. Mueller, who had been in charge of the service in the absence of Brother Kratt in Forest Park, Ill. Mr. Weiss of the board of deacons spoke in behalf of the church with words of best wishes and a gift. Similar participation was also shown by the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School in the occasion.

The Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of Western New York and Pennsylvania held its annual convention in the Andrews St. Church of Rochester, N. Y., from Friday, April 17, to Sunday, April 19. The general theme of the convention was "Personal Religion." The forums on Saturday were led by the Rev. Theodore Koester of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mr. Milton Schroeder, the pastor-elect of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa. The devotional periods were in charge of the B. Y. P. U.'s of the conference area. The banquet on Saturday evening, in which each society took part, was a great success. The Rev. William Kuhn, D.D., general missionary secretary, addressed the conference on Friday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon at the closing consecration and communion service. The following officers served during the past year: Miss Ada Miller of Buffalo, president; Miss Edna Eckstrom of Arnold, Pa., secretary; and Miss Ruth Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., treasurer.

Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Monday, May 18

Looking Toward the East

"My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning." Psalm 130:6.

Read Psalm 130.

All prayers that are availing have an eastward look. They look towards the rising sun, the new day. They expect to be answered. But if our prayers are complaining or of uncertain purpose, their fruit will be scant. Our God is the God of the living "Today" and of the glorious "Tomorrow," whose birthtokens are the gleams of light from the rising sun.

Prayer: "Our Father, we praise thee for the blessing of thy love, that comes as the clear shining of the sun to make bright all the dim places in life."

Tuesday, May 19

Be of Good Cheer

"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer; for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." Acts 27:25.

Read Acts 27:21-22.

We cannot be of good cheer in the midst of peril simply by shutting our eyes to danger and saying that all is well. Paul had a secret source of strength and encouragement. He lived in the presence of God. He maintained unbroken the lines of communication between himself and heaven. He prayed his way through the storms to peace.

Prayer: "Thou, who heareth prayer, give unto us to pray not only in times of danger, but also in times of peace, that our faith in thee may be constant."

Wednesday, May 20

Twisting The Truth

"Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter." Isa. 5:20.

Read Isaiah 5:18-23.

It is a haunting peril and a besetting sin to fail to put things in their true proportion and perspective. Few people actually want to pervert the truth, but many blunder into error by failure to put the facts of life in their due order. Moral blindness is as disastrous as wilful sin.

Prayer: "Knowing the power of untruth to blight happiness and to bring discord into the world, may we, dear Lord, be on our guard against it."

Thursday, May 21

Patience Wins Out

"In your patience ye shall win your souls." Amer. Revised Version). Luke 21:19.

Read Luke 21:14-19.

What is patience? A quality of self-

control that preserves the soul from petulance and complaining, that gives it strength to endure, that endows it with dignity and calmness in the midst of confusion and opposition. Protest and resistance are sometimes a duty. But most of the difficulties of life yield to patience, self-control and the restraint of passion.

Prayer: "Gracious Lord, grant us the patience that overcomes all difficulties through faith in thee."

Friday, May 22

The First Foreign Missionaries

"And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13:3.

Read Acts 13:1-5.

Here was a new step forward in the evangelistic program of the early church. It was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Paul and Barnabas were sent out as the first pioneers of foreign missions. The great movement of world-missions was inaugurated. The impulse came from God; the instruments were consecrated men.

Prayer: "Divine Master, keep the line of thy messengers to the lands of heathen darkness unbroken, until the globe is girdled with Thy saving truth."

Saturday, May 23

Courage For Today

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord, thy God, is with thee." Joshua 1:9.

Read Joshua 1:1-9.

If we would win in our day's work or in our battle with temptation we must go forth with a brave heart. To be timid is to fail in advance. We must not, however, confuse courage with self-assurance. Humility and the sense of dependence upon divine help are not sources of weakness but of strength. Only as we cast our fear and care upon God shall we be victorious.

Prayer: "Gracious God, suffer us not to grow weary; in Thy might help us to be strong."

Sunday, May 24

Is It In Vain?

"I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God." Isa. 49:4.

Read Isaiah 49:1-6.

Many a life has carried the conviction of a frustrate and unaccomplished task. That is particularly true of those who are engaged in the work of the Kingdom of God. The progress toward the attainment of their high purposes is often so slow, that their efforts seem to them—and to others, too—futile and vain.

Prayer: "Let us not lose faith in Thy

support, O God. May we at last see the travail of our souls and be satisfied."

Monday, May 25

I Am A Debtor

"I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." Romans 1:14.

Read Romans 1:13-17.

Does the world owe me a living? Not according to Paul's creed. He felt himself to be the debtor of all men, owing them the full dedication of his powers, because he was a steward of God's grace. For many men noble birth and special privilege mean exemption from hardship. For Paul the fact that he had seen the Lord of glory imposed special obligations upon him: I am a debtor.

Prayer: "O Thou, who, being rich, for our sakes became poor, give us grace to follow in Thy steps. May we pay our debt in self-forgetful service."

Tuesday, May 26

Time Flies

"Remember, how short my time is." Psalm 89:47.

Read Psalm 89:46-52.

As we grow older we become more conscious of the swiftness and brevity of time. In our childhood the years looked like great planets but late in life they seem like tiny beads strung together on the thread of our remembrance. Since life at best is so early at an end, we should promptly grasp the present hour. Now is the accepted time; do not wait for tomorrow.

Prayer: "Dear Lord, help us to count sacred the moments of the day."

Wednesday, May 27

Content In Christ

"I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Phil. 4:11.

Read Philippians 4:10-18.

It is said that when a certain castle in Scotland was summoned to surrender, the answer was a string of fresh fish exhibited from the walls. The castle had access to the resources of the sea and could not be starved into submission. So the believer discovers resources in Christ which make him independent of riches or poverty.

Prayer: "May we not be cast down by poverty, nor unduly elated by prosperity. O Lord may we find all our springs in Thee."

Thursday, May 28

Gather It!

"Gather ye of it every man according to his eating." Exodus 16:16.

Read Exodus 16:11-18.

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Reports from the Field

Northern Conference

Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. At West Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

"O, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever." So can the young people of the Young People's Society of the German Baptist Church in West Ebenezer, Saskatchewan also say, for the Lord has been with us during the past year.

Twenty meetings were held throughout the year, consisting of three prayer meetings, three discussions on biblical characters, two Bible contests, one Mother's Day program, four literary programs and one missionary service. It was our pleasure to visit three other societies and on two evenings we enjoyed visits by two visiting societies. Our membership roll is now 37 members.

On Sunday evening, March 8, we had our annual program which was opened by a musical number rendered by our string orchestra. This was followed by recitations, solos, quartet numbers, dialogues and orchestra numbers. The Rev. August Rosner, pastor of the East Ebenezer Church, also spoke briefly to us, encouraging us always to do the best for the work of the Master. May the Lord bless us and help us during the coming year!

JULIA GABERT, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Interesting April Events in the Grand Forks Church

On Friday evening, April 3, the Young People's Society of the German Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. D., held a candle light banquet in the church basement. The two groups of the Senior Society, led by Marie Kranzler and Joe Wolf, and the Junior Society led by Eva Heine, recently engaged in an attendance contest with the banquet given by the two losing groups.

The group led by Marie Kranzler won first place and sat at the head of the table in the place of honor. Ernst Klein, the president, was master of ceremonies. Between courses quartet numbers were given and songs were sung. Several messages were brought by the group leaders and other members of the society. The Rev. Frank Balogh gave the final encouraging talk to the society.

The Young People's Society held an Easter sunrise service beginning at 6 a. m. Approximate musical numbers were rendered by a duet, male quartet, soprano soloist, double mixed quartet and junior choir. The Rev. Mr. Osborne spoke on "The Beauty of Jesus." An attractive mimeographed program was distributed for this service.

The Dorcas Sewing Club gave an Easter and Missionary program on Easter Sunday evening. The play, "From Small Beginnings," was presented

by a cast of eight young ladies, namely, Mrs. Ed Hanson, Mrs. Ray Eisner, Miss Bernice Osborn, Mrs. Charles Balogh, Miss Martha Eisner, Mrs. John Kranzler, Mrs. Joe Werre and Miss Ann Heine. The men's quartet rendered the song, "How They Crucified My Lord." Appropriate trio and duet numbers were also given. Mrs. Rosa Wolfe, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, then took charge of the rest of the program. The Rev. Frank Balogh gave the closing address. Mrs. Fred Kranzler, president of the Dorcas Club, was in general charge of the entire service.

MRS. JOHN KRANZLER, Secretary.

Recent B. Y. P. U. Activities in the Spring Valley Church, South Dakota

It has been a long time since a report of the Young People's Society of the Spring Valley Baptist Church in South Dakota appeared in "The Baptist Herald," but we have been busy just the same. We meet every Sunday night before the church service and always have an interesting program. These programs consist of an important topic, special singing and readings.

On a recent evening we had the negroes from the St. John's Baptist Church of Sioux Falls with us. Their program consisted of negro spirituals and a talk by their pastor.

On Sunday evening, April 5, our society rendered a special program, consisting of two dialogues, "The Greatest of These is Love," and "The Choosers," a reading and special singing by the choir. The church was filled to its capacity.

At our annual business meeting our pastor, the Rev. J. G. Rott, suggested we begin a reading circle for the winter months. Fourteen books were selected from the pastor's library, and fourteen of us offered to bear the responsibility to read and to care for these books. Later fourteen more books were selected from the Braese Loan Library of Forest Park, Illinois.

Nothing is so inspiring to good, straight, intellectual thinking as a good book. When evening comes and with it leisure, we can nicely enjoy ourselves at reading. Those who read the books were enthused about it and were also greatly benefited.

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Central Conference

Easter Services in Dayton, Ohio

Easter Sunday proved to be a joyous day for us in the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. A sunrise service was held on Easter Sunday morning under the direction of the young people.

At the morning church service, which was well attended, an inspiring Easter message was brought by our pastor, the

Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and 11 persons, all of whom were adults, were baptized. We are especially happy that our choir director, who has rendered a fine service at the church, and his wife and son were among those baptized. The evening service was also well attended and the rite of baptism was again observed with three sisters from 12 to 16 years of age baptized.

The arrangement of classes for those who desired to become members of the church has been very successful. Proper instruction in the Word of God and Christian doctrines was given herein by our pastor. Although we have had no special revival meetings, God has used the personal work of our minister in bringing these young people to Christ.

In a financial way we also had good reasons to rejoice, for the Easter offering amounted to \$234.54, all of which will go to missions.

But our joy was also tempered with sorrow. At the close of the evening service our pastor announced that his aged father, who lived in Erie, Pa., had been called to his heavenly home in the early Easter morning hour. It was a day of great strain on our pastor, and we are praying that God may strengthen him in this hour of sorrow.

HENRY KNORR, Church Clerk.

Eastern Conference

Birthday Celebration At Spruce Street Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

What a wonderful thing Christian fellowship is and what an inspiration we receive when we attempt to bring joy to others. Such has been our experience in the Spruce Street Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. At prayer meeting on April 1 the congregation assembled to felicitate the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Cramer, on the occasion of his birthday. He had begun the mid-week prayer service without an inkling of anything unusual and he was completely surprised when the Rev. J. A. Beuerman took charge of the service.

Graciously he complied, however, and an enjoyable program of readings and songs followed. Mr. Wm. Becker, on behalf of the church presented him with a birthday remembrance.

At the end of the service three persons gave their testimony of salvation—two rescued from Catholicism and one, a young man, whom we have all grown to know and love, which served as a fitting climax to an evening which we shall all remember.

Professor F. W. C. Meyer of our seminary expressed in the glory of words the following tribute to our beloved pastor:

"That you are fifty-five today,
Dear Pastor, no one needs to say,
Your prime of life is crowned with glory

Of half a century's story,
And all our spirits are elated
To have your birthday celebrated;
The birth of one we dearly love
As sent to us by God above
To guard and shepherd tenderly
Our souls in loving harmony
Around the helpful word of God,
And lead us in the paths where trod
Our Savior, who from heaven above
Came down, the rarest gift of love."

MRS. HENRIETTA GEIGER, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

The Orchestra of the First Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

The orchestra of the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., had its beginning in 1930. The orchestra plays every Sunday morning for the Sunday School and special numbers are rendered for programs and various other occasions. Similarly, the orchestra assists the B. Y. P. U. in its services and the church at its festivities.

The orchestra has had the privilege of playing a number of times for the guests of the Los Angeles County Farm. These meetings are held in the open air. It is a joy to see how the older people enjoy the music of the familiar gospel hymns, which can easily be heard when an orchestra plays them.

Several times each year the orchestra renders a program at the San Pedro Rest Mission. The men are always attracted by music of this kind and are enabled to hear "the old, old story" in music as well as in testimonies. The orchestra has also rendered an evening program for a Mennonite Church in Los Angeles. Whenever called upon to render any service, the orchestra is willing to do its share.

The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: Director, Mr. Carl Stiller; violinists, Theo. Wuttke, Florence Eisele, Florence Stiller and Carl Stiller; clarinets, John Schlitzkus and Paul Leuschets; trumpet, Arthur Wolff; saxophone, Walter Heiman; trombone, John Wolff; French horn, John Barto; tuba, Bill Wolff; pianist, Naomi Wuttke and assistant pianist, Esther Leuschner.

The picture of the orchestra appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald." Miss Naomi Wuttke could not be present at the time the picture was taken because of illness.

May the words of the psalmist be an inspiration to the members of this orchestra as it continues to serve the Lord chestra as it continues to serve the Lord with gladness. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, make a loud noise and rejoice, and sing praise. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

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The Choir of the First Church, Portland, Oregon

The choir of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, has taken on a new lease of life under the



The Orchestra of The First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California

efficient leadership of its new director, Mrs. Emma B. Meier, whom many of our Eastern friends will remember as the former missionary in the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Meier is at present instructor of German at Reed College, but she gives generously of her time and talents to various branches of our church work. Her extensive musical training and experience are evident in the efficient manner in which she conducts the choir.

On Easter Sunday evening, April 12, the choir gave an excellent rendition of the cantata, "Bright Easter Morn" by E. K. Heyser, before an appreciative audience of at least 500 people. Both the singers and the audience were blessed by the rendition of the anthem. Our director has also introduced "A Cappella" singing of the fine old German chorals. These have found a response especially in the hearts of the older members.

We hope that the choir director and choir of our church will long continue to beautify our services with their anthems of praise.

ANNA WARDIN, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Missionary Plays At the First Church, Union City, N. J.

The Young People's Society of the First German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., has quite suddenly taken to acting, but not on a stage, not for our own glory and not for box-office results! Amateurs though we are, (and we'd probably get the "gong"), we are undertaking a series of missionary plays with the sole purpose of being a blessing to our listeners.

We made our debut on Tuesday, March 10, to a very appreciative audience by rendering Ethel Lawrence's beautiful

and inspiring missionary play, "Standing By," a story of a selfish mother, an ardent church worker, who is bitterly turned against her daughter because she has felt the call to foreign mission fields, insisting all the while that "there is enough church work to be done at home."

We would not continue giving these plays if we were not aware of the blessing and inspiration which they provide, and the fact that they are making us more missionary-minded spurs us on to further work for the Master.

Honorable mention is due to our president, Mr. George von Seggern, who through his untiring efforts and leadership is helping to make these plays successful.

REPORTER.

Fourth Annual Young People's Service in Bethlehem, Pa.

On March 29 the Young People's Society of the First German Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., had the privilege of conducting the fourth annual young people's service. It seems as though both young and old anxiously look forward to this service, which is usually held on the last Sunday in March.

This year our president, Robert Schreiber, led the devotional period. The Scripture lesson was read by the treasurer, Hilda Wilhelm. Robert Schreiber gave a very inspiring talk, "Ich bin der Weg, die Wahrheit und das Leben." The secretary, Elsie Stangl, spoke in the English language, her subject based on the question, "When you die, will you leave this world a little better than it was when you found it?" Joseph Kray gave a recitation entitled, "Jesus"; and Ruth Sintay brought another entitled, "Lost." The service was beautified by various musical selections, including a quartet composed of P. Schuster, Albert Schus-

My First Year in Retirement

By the REV. GEORGE GEIS, Missionary to the Kachins in Burma

ter, David Stangl and Helmuth Schreiber; a piano duet by Irma Lehman and Ruth Sintay; a cornet solo by Albert Schuster; and selections by the orchestra.

All of the young people then had the opportunity of participating in the program by responding with a Bible verse when the roll call was taken. The service was concluded with a short play entitled, "A Prayer Answered." The characters were Edward Wamser, Hilda Wilhelm, H. Schreiber, Albert Schuster, Carolyn Wamser and William Arthofer.

After a very inspiring evening, our pastor, the Rev. E. Wolff, pronounced the benediction. With the help of our Lord and our willing young people, we shall soon be looking forward to another service next year.

ELSIE STANGL, Secretary.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR OF "A Masterpiece of Religious Art"

(See Pages 148 and 149)

Mr. Milton R. Schroeder, the author of the feature article, "A Masterpiece of Religious Art," in the current issue of The Baptist Herald, is the very promising pastor-elect of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. On May 18 he will be graduated from the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., where he served as president of the student body during the past year. His essay on "Kingdom Principles of Jesus" recently won the second prize in the Wilkens contest. During his three seminary years he served as assistant to the Rev. E. B. Taft of the First Baptist Church in Fairport, N. Y.

On May 23 Miss Edna Knoll of St. Paul and he will be married in the First German Baptist Church of that same city. She has been an active worker in that church and the Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. Mr. Schroeder's first Sunday in Philadelphia will be June 7 and he hopes to be ordained into the Christian ministry on June 18.

He is the only son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Schroeder, now of Madison, S. D. His father baptized him into the fellowship of the St. Louis Park Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo. He was graduated from Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., with special honors in History in 1933. While in St. Paul he served as secretary of the Minnesota Young People's and Sunday School Worker's Union for two years and as vice-president for another two years. He was president of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of the Northwestern Conference for a while.

Mr. Schroeder with his winsome personality and fervent devotion to his calling is one of the finest of our younger ministers who are assuming positions of leadership. His ministry will be followed with great interest by increasing hosts of friends with the ardent prayer that God's blessing may accompany every service of his life.

According to the rules and regulations of our Foreign Mission Society I was unexpectedly informed that I would be placed on the retired list beginning with April 1, 1935. When some of my friends saw the announcement, they sent me letters of congratulations and said that I well deserved a rest after so many years of service on the foreign field. I knew, however, that the act of retirement was merely carrying out the letter of the law, and that it did not mean a cessation or even a relaxation of the duties which I had been carrying. In fact, on that very day there was not only no one in sight to relieve me of my present duties, but in addition, because the Rev. G. A. Sword had gone on furlough, I was given the care of the Namhkam field with its 22 schools and teachers and some 20 odd preachers and evangelists. That this is no honorary job one can readily understand when you consider the sums of money received from the government for the schools and from the mission society for evangelistic work. As these evangelists came to my house I would talk over their problems with them and encourage them in their work.

About the middle of May we welcomed 13 young men and 11 young women to the Bible Training School. One of these was subsequently dismissed by vote of the student body on account of misconduct. Here was a challenge for the very best that was in us. Four hours of class room work was the scholastic order of the day. Aside from this they were expected to read through the New Testament once in two months. Each morning, except Sunday, we were all out in the garden at daybreak, working for two hours and in this way we raised practically all the vegetables for the school. Aside from the school work and manual work on the compound, the girls in pairs and the boys singly were assigned to villages within a radius of 20 miles from Kutkai, to which they walked each week-end to conduct services, to take seedlings from our garden and to make a garden in the villages, calling attention to pure water, cleaning up of the village, making paths, teaching hymns, prayers, games and anything which would be of spiritual and social help. It was a great pleasure to review each week with the reports of this week-end work and to learn of the various helpful things which they taught in the villages along health, moral and religious lines. Babies were not to be given chewed food from tobacco mouths; cattle under the house were not conducive to pure air for the occupants of the house; only boiled water should be drunk, and if possible the water should not be taken from a pool at the foot of the mountain in which the cattle had previously had their bath; cattle droppings should be collected and put into the garden where it

would be transformed into big cauliflowers and cabbages full of the right vitamins. In these combined services our young people spoke to groups from a thousand to fourteen hundred people each week. The collections were brought to Kutkai.

At the end of the rains, when the roads were passable, we visited some of these villages to see what impression they had made. Of course we did not expect one hundred per cent perfection, but we were delighted to see the good paths and how the jungle had been cleared around the villages. We saw some vegetable gardens, and around the bamboo, thatch roofed church flowers and vegetables were growing. The people who came to the services were clean and most of them joined in reciting the Lord's Prayer and singing the Doxology. In some places we saw piles of wood, which showed some thought for the women who usually do the hard work. We were disappointed to find that not even one village had a well, and the women were still going three and four hundred feet down the hill side to carry the water supply to the house. This is the problem which is increasingly burdening our mind, and we hope that in this second year of our retirement we may find some way of approach to the minds of the men who must do the digging of the wells.

Of course, our greatest joy has come to us as we have seen the men and women of these villages turn to the living God. As the result of this combined week by week work 141 men, women and young people were received into the Kutkai church by baptism, and many homes had their demon altars removed and are now learning to serve the living God. Not all who applied for baptism were received, for where the elders had any doubt the applicant was told kindly to wait for further instruction and to apply later on.

Once a year teachers, preachers and evangelists meet for Bible study and conference from October 1 to 10. This meeting was held in Namhkam. I walked and rode on a pony in a pouring rain for two days, covering about 20 miles a day. The sight of the 138 Kachin leaders from this field cheered my heart, and I gave them my very best out of God's word. We closed with an examination which 80 of them took and which was a test of the teaching ability of the teacher and the learning ability of the pupils. We had a fine time.

Thus, coming to the close of this first year of our retirement, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the strength and wisdom God has given us in the performance of our daily tasks and for the share we have had in ushering in the Kingdom of God on the Kachin hills.

A Chat About Books

By the Editor

At this season of the year youth steps into the foreground of life. Graduation exercises cast a bright glamor around Mary and John. Preparations are being made for Children's Day. Young people's assemblies and institutes command the attention of our churches. Even the editor's "Book Chat" is drawn into the current of this spirit and this number of "The Baptist Herald" will be devoted entirely to books for young people.

YOUTH'S WORK IN THE NEW WORLD

If you or your friends are facing the problem of selecting some career or if you are one of that large host of people who love to read informal interviews (of which I am an enthusiastic member), a book which will entrance you and captivate your attention is "Youth's Work in the New World" (Association Press—1935—216 pages—\$1.75). Mr. T. Otto Nall, the associate editor of "The Epworth Herald," a young people's publication of the Methodist Church, interviewed 27 outstanding leaders in almost every conceivable profession and in this book devoted an illuminating chapter to each interview.

Passing by in intimate review through the chapters of the book are such leaders of American life as Dr. William J. Mayo, world famous surgeon; Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture of President Roosevelt's cabinet; Branch Rickey, vice-president of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team; Zona Gale, author of novels; James Weldon Johnson, Negro poet; Rockwell Kent, artist; Lorado Taft, sculptor; Walter Damrosch, noted musician and symphony director; Edmund A. Filene, Christian business man of Boston; Frank J. Loesch, Chicago lawyer, and others. Interviews by E. Stanley Jones, Charles W. Gilkey, Kirby Page and Arthur E. Holt deal especially with current religious issues. Of special interest to women will be the word pictures of Muriel Lester, social service worker of London; Michi Kawai, Christian leader in Japan; Ruth Bryan Owen, U. S. minister to Denmark, and Frances U. S. Perkins, Secretary of Labor. About 25 pages at the back of the book are devoted to questions for discussion and a list of books for those who are selecting some particular career.

Questions, such as the following, are answered in a variety of ways to provide the reader with data and inspiration for his own personal life as well as for addresses and young people's meetings. "What is the greatest need of America?" "Do we in America need a youth movement on our farms and in our villages?" "What can young people of the Negro and White races do to bridge the chasm that prejudice has created?" "What skills or attitudes does a young man need looking forward to some profession?"

This book will bring the greatest leaders of today into the intimacy of your knowledge and acquaintanceship. The religious questions and answers asked of each person interviewed are of particular interest. Every page is vibrant with the passionate eagerness of creative souls, the exuberance of idealistic men and women of vision, the thrilling joys of adventurers in service, the opening of vistas of challenging fields of labor in our day. The note which runs through the whole book was voiced by Rabbi Silver in these words: "To shoulder such tasks as these is the glorious opportunity of youth!"

FRANK ANSWERS TO YOUTH QUESTIONS

During the past few years the Rev. F. B. McAllister, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Youngstown, Ohio, has been meeting with young people of his church and other groups in forum discussions followed by personal interviews. The provocative results of these interviews concerning such questions as the standards of youth, moral problems of high school students, problems of the modern business girl, perplexities of the unemployed young men, the relationships between young people who seek each other's company, the difficulties of newlyweds, drinking and questionable parties, the understanding of God and attendance at church services are reproduced in a stimulating and informative book, entitled "Frank Answers to Youth Questions." (Revell Co.—1935—128 pages—\$1.25).

Each revealing question is followed by the answer suggested by this Baptist minister with a keen insight into the problem, a sympathetic understanding of the questioner and Christian convictions of profound spiritual depth.

QUIET TALKS WITH EAGER YOUTH

The 22nd volume of Dr. S. D. Gordon's "Quiet Talks Series" is "Quiet Talks with Eager Youth." (Revell Co.—1935—125 pages—\$1.25), in which he describes youth with picturesque vividness as "the human race getting a fresh start; the race at the action stage, getting ready for a fresh running start." In this book Dr. Gordon seeks to give religious guidance to perplexed young people based on the authority of the Bible and presented graphically in several chapters on the green traffic lights and highway signals of life. This book well deserves to be included in the already large library of many volumes by Dr. Gordon and will be widely read as an addition to the more than two million copies of the "Quiet Talks" already issued.

THE MISSIONARY EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

A book which the editor emphatically

and unhesitatingly recommends to all young people's groups, churches and pastors as well as interested individuals is one which has recently been published at a reasonable price, called "The Missionary Education of Young People" by John Irwin (Missionary Education Movement—1935—181 pages—\$1.00). This is a hand-book with a myriad of practical suggestions as to how to make missionary meetings as exciting and fascinating as a young people's social and how to deepen the interest of the individual person in the world wide missionary enterprise.

The purpose of the book as "a manual for constant reference in planning and carrying through a missionary program for the youth of local churches and for group study in summer conferences" is admirably effected. After an introductory paragraph on planning, chapters are devoted to the enrichment of a program of missionary education through the interpretation of world events, dramatics, visual materials, reading, fellowship with foreign groups, worship, intensified study and giving. The five closing chapters answer questions as how the organization can best be effected, how all the church young people can be reached and how the available resources can be mobilized. This is an exceptional book which will bring a hundredfold return.

VACATION SCHOOL TEXT-BOOK

One of the finest and most helpful books for Beginners and Primary teachers in Vacation Bible Schools with an evangelical program has just come from the press and is entitled "Systematic Bible Course for Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Sunday Schools—Volume 1" by Alveretta W. Bouman (Eerdman's Publishing Co.—1936—267 pages—\$1.50). This book as well as the volumes for Juniors and Intermediates which will be published shortly, can be secured through our Cleveland Publication Society.

This is an all Bible Course which commends it to our groups, prepared for a four weeks' term. Nineteen programs are outlined for the Beginners with suggestions for the worship period, sand table and memory work, and Bible stories. There are also 17 programs for each of the three years of the Primary period, covering the Old and New Testaments with a variety of practical helps for the worship exercises, the approach to the lesson, the Bible story and memory verses, suggestions for simple things to do or make, and informal discussion. This excellent book features, as stated in the preface, "Bible study, music, conduct and character building, all correlated to emphasize practical Christianity." It is especially helpful for teachers who have had little previous experience or training in Vacation Bible Schools.

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it five minutes when it happened, and it's a miracle they didn't have to come up in court to testify at that murder trial. They were in the place when the quarrel began, weren't they? Oh, I tell you there are a lot worse things they can do than plant corn! There are a lot worse places they can go than back to my old home in the country. If you would only go up there once and see for yourself you wouldn't be so prejudiced!"

There was a wistfulness in his tone as he spoke the last sentence and his wife jumped up from the table sharply.

"Well, I'm not going," she said. "I don't like the country. Let's not talk any more about it." Then she left the room.

Mr. Sutherland left his coffee unfinished and slowly, sadly retreated to the library which was considered his special province and there he plunged into business perplexities, working at his desk until far into the night. Occasionally, though, he was haunted by the vision of the man whom he considered a fiend incarnate, and he would sit back in his big chair and drop his face into his hands and groan at the thought of his two beloved girls, Vanna and Emory Zane! It was unthinkable. He must get off and go up and have a talk with Vanna. He couldn't trust his wife, she was too easily influenced by wealth and public opinion and a desire for brilliant marriages for her daughters. She wished to be known as a mother who achieved big things.

But Roseland was not the only place to which the corn planting episode brought disturbance. Back on the outskirts of Ripley Township there stood a little old farmhouse, upon a hillside overlooking the cornfield owned by Robert Carroll. The woman who lived in that farmhouse had the reputation of being up to date in all the news of the county, especially such as came under her own observation. Having no children and being somewhat isolated from neighbors, she had much time hanging heavily on her hands, and she made the most of the few advantages that were left her in life. She could still see out her end windows, down across the rich valley of farm lands, to the highway that ran to Ripley, and because her eyes were beginning to fail her, and one could scarcely hope anyway even with good eyes to recognize people and cars at such a distance, she kept a pair of fine field glasses close beside the window on her little sewing table. Afternoons when her work was done, mornings too, sometimes, she amused herself by studying the landscape and watching all comers and goers on that highway. It was often thus she picked up many a juicy item of news that helped out the village paper news editor. And so Mrs. Coulter had come to be known in the locality as one who knew a thing or two about almost everything that was going on.

On the morning of the corn planting

Robert Carroll and his two men were out in the field early with their team and machine, and Mrs. Coulter got out her glasses and laid them handy, knowing that she was sure of something going on nearby that day. When she had washed up her dishes and set her bread to rise she went out on her side porch with a basket of mending and her field glasses, and prepared to enjoy herself. She liked to watch the mellow ground being turned in furrows, liked to look at the straight rows and smooth lines where the machine had passed. It was to her an art.

But it was not long before a car going by on the highway, turned in at the opening in the fence where the bars were down and drove slowly around the border of plowed ground till it came to a halt not far from the big elm tree that made a wide shade near the back of the lot.

Matilda Coulter raised her glasses and leveled them at the strange car, thrilled with joy as it drew nearer, straight into her line of vision. She did not often find her traveling shows coming so near.

It was a big car, not any car that she knew hereabouts. She studied its peculiarities, and made up her mind it must be one of two very expensive makes. She wasn't sure which because not many fine cars came her way. But it had an opulent look and it might even be one of those priceless foreign makes that one heard about now and then but never saw nearby.

As it came on she noted that there were two girls and a man in the car, though she couldn't see the girls very well until they got out. Then she saw that one had yellow hair and one was dark. Ah! That must be the yellow-haired Sutherland girl who was staying at the Weatherbys, and the other was no doubt her sister. She had heard that her sister had arrived the morning before. Tom Batty the taxi driver had stopped to beg for gingerbread on his way back from taking her up, and he had told her.

Then Murray MacRae got out and stood where she could get a glimpse of his face and she recognized him. Ah! Murray MacRae and the Sutherlands! Of course. And Robert Carroll! She licked her lips and drew a breath of pleased surprise! Right at her own door. It didn't often happen that way!

All through the morning she watched, even catching their expressions with her far reaching glasses, noticing how much they laughed, and how little sadness was in the face of the yellow-haired girl who ought by good rights to have been dressed in black, but who was gay in a bright scarlet cap and jacket over a white thin dress.

Then the other girl, the one in bright green, went out in the field with Robert Carroll, right into the plowed ground and got up on the seat of the planting machine. The bold huzzy! And Robert Carroll almost had his arm around her, helping her up into the seat!

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spiced, fragrant and appetizing on their tables, but they had to go out and gather it to prepare it for food. God feeds us, but in such a way, that we must have a part in the process. In fact, our whole system of industry is based upon the fact that we are co-workers with God in feeding the world.

Prayer: "We thank thee, our Father in heaven, for Thy daily provision. May we work together with thee in all of the concerns of our life."

Friday, May 29

Songs In The Night

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." Acts 16:25.

Read Acts 16:25-33.

No prison can shut a man out of fellowship with God. The smart of the beating which Paul and Silas received intensified their consciousness of God's presence. A deep rejoicing was set in the midst of apparent grief, like a fountain springing up the desert. How profoundly the prisoners must have been moved by the heavenly notes at the midnight hour!

Prayer: "O thou, who givest songs in the night, attune our hearts to thy praise, when the prison walls of trial and pain shut us in."

Saturday, May 30

Our National Heroes

"My soul hath them still in remembrance." Lamentations 3:20.

Read Lamentations 3:18-27.

Liberty and progress exact their prices and too often that price must be paid in the blood of heroes and the tears of a nation. Many of the privileges which we now enjoy are ours because of the sacrifice of previous lives upon the field of battle. Surely, we owe to these martyrs of loyalty our most affectionate remembrance.

Prayer: "Our Father, we honor today those who gave their lives for our country. May we consecrate ourselves afresh to the service of the land which they loved and for which they died."

Sunday, May 31

Filled With The Holy Ghost

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:4.

Read Acts 2:1-13.

To be filled with the Holy Ghost is to have an intense realization of spiritual truths and to live under their impelling inspiration. When the human spirit is tuned into harmony with the divine spirit, it is filled with the fullness of God.

Prayer: "O Spirit divine, all my nature refine, till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."