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Mission Field





# What's Happening

The Rev. F. Balogh, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. D., has retired from the active pastorate beginning with Oct. 1. His resignation was accepted by the church. He will continue to reside in Grand Forks.

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Mr. Palmer R. Orthner, a member of the 1936 graduating class of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., is a special student at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., where he is enrolled in the medical missionary department. He is attending the services of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, where a classmate of his, the Rev. John Mueller, is pastor.

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On Sunday evening, Sept. 20, the Rev. August Runtz, pastor of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., baptized a woman on confession of her faith in Christ. The Rally Day program was observed by the Sunday School on Sunday, Oct. 11. The Men's Agoga Class and the B. Y. P. U. are holding attendance contests to increase the attendance at the services of the church.

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The Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Chicago, Ill., has responded favorably to the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Cathay, N. D. He and his family will move there shortly and he will begin his ministry in the Cathay church with the 1st of November. The East Side in Chicago held a farewell reception in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Ittermann on Friday evening, Oct. 23.

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The Rev. G. E. Lohr, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., spent his vacation at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School of Berkeley, Calif., where he attended the summer session and earned two credit points. This was the third time that Mr. Lohr has spent his vacation in that manner. He is to be heartily commended for his eagerness to study and to learn, especially at his age, approaching retirement.

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The Vacation Church School held for two weeks this summer by the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., was attended by a fine average of 40 children. The teachers on the faculty were Mrs. C. Plumbeck, Mrs. H. G. Lund, Mrs. Myrtle Hick'e, Mrs. C. Riche and Mrs. Eleanor Sauer, who also served as superintendent. The special speakers during the school period were Mr. J. Westhouse, Miss Emilie Carlsen, and the Rev. Arthur Ittermann, pastor of the church.

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Miss Edna M. Geissler, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. P. Geissler of Buffalo, N. Y., is serving as instructor of social

sciences in the Bennett Junior College, a fashionable school for young women at Milbrook, N. Y., since the opening of the fall school term. She had been serving as director of the Division of Methods and Systems of the Emergency Relief Bureau of Buffalo. She intends to pursue graduate work in Columbia University at New York City nearby.

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Mr. Adolf E. Kannwischer has been called as minister of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., to which he has favorably responded. He will become pastor of the church about June 15, 1937, following the completion of his studies at the University of Rochester. Mr. Kannwischer served the church for the summer months as student pastor, and he intends to make an occasional visit to the church during the coming months. A report of an "Auf Wiedersehen" program in his honor appears in the current issue of "The Baptist Herald."

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Sunday, Sept. 20, was a "Red Letter Day" for the four young people's unions in the churches belonging to the Linton Baptist Church of North Dakota. The splendid young people's program held in the Temvik Church will linger long in the memories of the many friends who attended. About 65 voices sang two inspiring selections. A debate was held by Mrs. G. Kremer, Viola Graf, Miss Krieg and Miss Estella Alf. In conclusion every B. Y. P. U. group rendered an appropriate gospel song; the pastor, the Rev. Frederick Alf, wrote that "we are thankful for such enthusiasm among the youth."

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Donation Day was observed by the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, Oct. 17, with several hundred friends at the tables for the fine evening meal. The afternoon program held in the chapel of the Home was addressed by the Rev. Milton Schroeder, pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, and Professor William A. Mueller of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in the English and German languages, respectively. This is an annual observance in the Philadelphia Home.

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On Monday, Aug. 31, the Rev. Walter Damrau, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., had the joy of baptizing 12 young people on confession of their faith in Christ. The hand of fellowship was extended to 10 of these on Sunday, Sept. 13. The mission work among the young people at Hubbard Lake has been led by Mr. Ferdinand Timm. Through his influence Mr. Elmer Bailey, a young evangelist, was secured to hold meetings

which resulted in 25 conversions followed by 12 baptisms. The reporter stated that "we are looking forward to a very promising future in this new field."

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The young people's rally of the Atlantic Conference was held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 30, in the Central Baptist Church of New York City. The worship service included congregational singing led by Mr. Herman Zachay of Philadelphia, and the offering of the prayer by the Rev. Walter Macoskey of Cleveland, Ohio. The charge to the newly elected officers of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of the conference was given by the Rev. Milton Schroeder of Philadelphia. Professor H. Dymmel of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., spoke to the large audience on the theme "The Art of Living."

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On Saturday, Oct. 24, the B. Y. P. U. of Bridgeport, Conn., presented a program of musical numbers and dramatizations in the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City in returning an exchange visit made by that society some time ago. The 50th anniversary of the Ladies' Aid Society was held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, with Professor F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., as the guest speaker. Many friends from neighboring churches were in attendance. Towards the close of June the Rev. Daniel Meyhoefer, pastor of the church, received 10 new members into the church, six of whom came by baptism and four by letter.

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On Wednesday evening, Sept. 30, the Second German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, held its annual church night. Reports of the various organizations of the church were heard. The missionary treasurer reported an increase in the mission gifts of 32 per cent (Continued on Page 339)

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## EDITORIAL

THE theme song of the Christian life is the conqueror's paean of praise. "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory in Christ Jesus."

### The Triumphant Note of Christianity

The Christian's pilgrimage, as it should be ideally, is the glorious march from one triumph to another. "Defeat" is a word which does not appear in his vocabulary. Like Elisha's servant, the disciple of Christ is constantly envisioning the truth that "they that are with us are more than they" that are with the forces of unrighteousness. Therefore, Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem nineteen hundred years ago is in reality a symbol of his repeated entrance into human lives and living situations with power to transform them from death to life, from despair to hope, from defeat to victory.

It is the Christian's affirmation that no obstacle nor difficulty is insurmountable in his life, for the spiritual riches of God are always greater than any adversities or losses which he may encounter. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" The tragedies of life may be inexplicable as physical handicaps or sickness or dire needs stalk like spectres in the road of life, but the victorious way of living by being able to smile through one's tears, by singing in spite of the sorrows, by rising above the storms of outward adversity into the sunshine of inner peace is the unique possession of the Christian. Nothing is ever able to separate him from the love of God in Christ Jesus!

The Christian's view is always outward upon the promises of God, that by faith "all things are possible." No task which is divinely delegated to the individual is ever too great. Phillips Brooks lived to pray not for tasks commensurate with his strength, but for power from God commensurate with the responsibilities which he had received from his heavenly Father. For such noble souls the promise of God's word is given that "nothing shall be impossible unto you!"

Jesus in his ministry considered every human

being, however debased his condition and ruined by sin he happened to be, as a potential son of God, whom God loved and wanted to redeem and whose life could be changed into the likeness of the Eternal. No person, for him, was ever hopelessly lost, for God had loved the whole world by sending his Son into it. It is this passion of Christ which is at the heart of the missionary command to "go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature." No one in any nation is beyond the pale of salvation nor beyond the redeeming touch of the Savior. It is the triumphant note at the heart of Christianity that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."

It is the conviction of the Christian in every age that there never has been nor will there ever be such a time as opportune for God's Kingdom as the present moment. The possibilities of the present are limitless. "Now is the hour of salvation." Now the doors are open for missionary service throughout the world. Now God can do great things through men and women who are unreserved in their devotion to him. This present moment for you as you read this editorial can become the triumphal entry with Christ into the Kingdom of joy and peace and power if you submit your life to God's compelling purpose.

During the Thanksgiving week from Sunday, Nov. 22, to Sunday, Nov. 29, you will give expression to your gratitude to God for all of his innumerable blessings. The significance of those days in our denomination will be deepened, however, in the observance of THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. Only as we make use of the present moment with its marvelous possibilities by giving sacrificially of our time and substance will "victory" continue to characterize our lives and the work of the Church.

In the words of a Christian of radiant faith in India, "Religion means to me: Victory, VICTORY, VICTORY!" That note of Christianity needs to become melodious in our lives.



# Missionary Adventures in Bulgaria

The author of this fascinating missionary travelogue, whose picture appears on the front cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald," who is serving as one of our missionaries in the Danubian countries of Europe, is rendering a notable ministry in the name of Christ to the Gypsies of Bulgaria.

By **SISTER LYDIA DOELLEFELD** of Bulgaria

**D**URING a part of March and April I traveled for the first time alone in Bulgaria. I was a little afraid when I thought of the strange people and their rapid speaking that I might not be able to understand them. However, casting this anxiety upon the Lord I became quite calm, and I soon learned that wherever I went ways were smooth and pleasant for me.

## A Bouquet of Violets

Before reaching my first destination, Sofia, I had an interesting experience in a train depot. A number of poorly dressed gypsy children offered bunches of sweetly fragrant violets for sale. I felt very sorry for these poor youngsters and called them to me, distributing among them the candy which I had received for my trip. Their eyes sparkled with happiness. One boy was touched so deeply that he picked up his most beautiful bouquet of violets and presented it to me. Not many words were exchanged, but the hearts had spoken, and everybody understands the language of love.

In Sofia several of the members of our Baptist church met me at the railway station, greeting me in their warm-hearted way. A number of members and friends were gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bogatoff where we held a woman's meeting. However, men were also present, and in spite of all my arguments that I would talk to women only, they wanted to stay. So they listened and Mr. Stoitscheff translated my message.

## A Welcome Everywhere

The next morning I continued my trip, having Tschirpan for my next goal. Here, too, I was received with a hearty welcome. Several years ago this town was visited by an earthquake, and one can still see the devastation of that catastrophe. Only at the railway station, which is quite a distance out of town, the streets are somewhat in

order. Even now one can daily notice a roaring beneath the surface of the earth. The appearance of my white deaconess cap created quite a sensation, because this town is seldom visited by any foreigners. A few hours after my arrival we had a very well attended meeting for women, but here again men were also present.

My next stop was at Kazanlik. Half of the membership of the church had gathered here to welcome me at the station. I was glad to hear some

German words spoken which made me feel at home at once. The missionary, Mr. Dimitroff, speaks some German, and I can now speak some Bulgarian, so we were soon engaged in a conversation which was a curious mixture of German and Bulgarian, and it had to be translated to Mrs. Dimitrova, a native of Russia. At Kazanlik I stayed for a week, and we held meetings for women every afternoon. It was just house-cleaning time, but in spite of it the meetings were very well attended and strangers

were also present. In the forenoons I went visiting with the pastor and met the various members of the church. Three times I had opportunity to speak to the children of the Sunday School.

## Witnessing For Christ To a Priest

With an arm full of flowers I left Kazanlik and went to Varna, the world-famous bathing resort of the Black Sea. It was a most beautiful trip in the spring with nature's awakening. We passed alongside of rocky walls and turbulent mountain brooks. Sometimes we were high up in the mountains and then again far down in the valley riding at the side of steep rocky walls and through twenty-three tunnels. We could see snow-capped mountains gleaming at a distance, and close by cherry trees were in full bloom. Not long afterwards we passed through districts where freshly fallen snow blinded our eyes.



Sister Lydia Doellefeld, Our Missionary, Holding a Group of Gypsy Children Spellbound As She Tells An Interesting Story

At one of the stations an Orthodox priest entered our compartment. When he encountered me in my deaconess garb, his face turned to a gloomy, angry expression. In a silent prayer I asked God to give me an opportunity to become a blessing for this man. This occasion came when we passed through another of those long tunnels. I did not lay aside my knitting but quietly kept on working in spite of the darkness. The priest noticed it and could keep silent no longer. From sheer astonishment he started a conversation. Very pleasantly I gave him the desired information and finally handed him a leaflet which was the gospel according to Luke in the Bulgarian language. Somewhat surprised but thanking me politely he accepted it and began to read it immediately. After this our roads parted, and I hope that our meeting was not in vain.

In Varna I was again greeted with great kindness, and for a week I was the guest of the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Wassoff. Here, too, I tried to serve the women by giving them practical and edifying talks. On Sunday I spoke to the young people by special request. The great desire of our brethren at Varna is to secure their own place of worship which they need very badly, indeed, since the present building is too small, inconvenient and very expensive. A young and intelligent girl in Varna has decided to become a deaconess. It is a great victory when a Bulgarian girl comes to realize the blessing of work and becomes willing to serve God by ministering to the poor and needy.

## God's Guidance On the Trip

A train now took me to Rustschuk. Together with some other members of the church I was welcomed there by Kina, our former pupil at Bethel. She is now married to a captain of one of the Danubian steamers. Here, too, the men could not be induced to stay away from the meetings. A governess of Vienna accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in Rustschuk, and she is ready to be baptized. On account of this decision she has to suffer very much from her own mother. Her mother is not opposed to professed Christianity, but she cannot be convinced of a life fully surrendered to Christ. This girl needed comfort and encouragement.

On Wednesday night I went by boat to Somovit. I dreaded this trip, remembering the experience I had last year when we were packed like herrings in the deck cabin, not being able to move during the whole night's trip. Through Kina's intervention, however, a single cabin was put to my use, for Kina knew the captain of this boat. I was thankful to God who had thus taken care of me. Our boat had already started its trip when a woman called the captain telling that her husband wanted to get on. The good-natured captain steered the boat backwards to take on the belated passenger, and then the anchor chain became entangled which caused a complicated repair job. This made us half an hour late.

## Greetings and Meetings

At seven o'clock in the morning I had to get off the boat and to walk several miles until we met the vehicle which was to take me to Gulantzi. This was my last stopping place. The people at Gulantzi had never before had a meeting for women only, and they were therefore especially happy to have me. On my arrival three children were present to greet me with flowers. For two days I held meetings for women, but in two of the meetings we again had to agree to have the men with us. One afternoon was devoted to the young people. On Saturday I had to get up at three o'clock in the morning in order to make connections with the boat at six o'clock in Somovit which was to bring me home again. I was again fortunate in that Kina's husband was the captain of this boat. Through him I enjoyed many privileges which made this trip a very pleasant one. Finally I arrived home and felt very grateful to God for his wise leading, his loving care for me and for the prayerful support of the brethren. It is now my fervent prayer that as the spring produces the new life in nature, so also may God bless the seed which has been sown in the hearts of human beings throughout this trip that it may grow and bear fruit for eternity.

## The Gypsy Sunday School

Now I must write something about the Sunday School in the gypsy village of Golinzi. When it rains there or the snow begins to thaw, the dirt roads are so soft and muddy that one has a hard time getting to church. This, however, does not hinder all the larger and smaller gypsy children from coming to Sunday School. If the reader could only see these children, what they look like, how they freeze and shiver in their thin threadbare clothes, your hearts would be stirred with sympathy. Sometime ago Mr. Fuellbrandt from Vienna visited the gypsy church, and he saw a little girl walking barefoot in the winter cold, and because she was wearing nothing but a thin dress, she was almost blue with cold.

When these children come to church they first of all crowd around the stove in order to become warm. The preacher then announces a song, and you should hear them sing. It is not so melodious as you may be accustomed to hear in other Sunday Schools, but you can feel that their hearts are in the singing, and such singing does ascend to the heart of the loving God. After about half an hour the Rev. Georgi Stefanoff, the gypsy pastor, sends the smallest children home, because they are too restless, and then he tells and explains a Bible story to the other children. Some of them listen with tears in their eyes, and often they ask many questions.

Their greatest desire is to own a New Testament. Who would not help them to this joy! All these younger and older gypsy children greet you with a song: "O kam pekla, mo gi tatarda . . ." which means, "A Bright Sunbeam Shines Into My Heart."



# Alone in Africa!

This brief account of Mrs. Clara Gebauer's first experience in spending several days alone in Kakaland in the Cameroons while her husband went to escort Miss Edith Koppin to the mission station will delight all "Baptist Herald" readers, for it shows how another of our missionaries has won the hearts of the African natives.

By MRS. CLARA GEBAUER

It was six A. M.—a rap at the door! I hopped out of bed to answer. A man and his wife were there to see if I had awakened. Paul had left on the day before for Bamenda to welcome Miss Edith Koppin and these dear people had reasoned it out that since this was my first night alone in Africa I might have found it difficult to fall asleep and therefore might not have awakened in time for the six-thirty prayer meeting. Every morning after that the woman called at six-fifteen to see if all was well. She must have feared that a snake

these naked Africans. Four young girls made it a point to come each day to see if all was well. The wife of the village medicine man, a dear old white-haired woman, came often, clapped her hands in native greeting, said a few words which I could not understand, gave me a few sweet potatoes or bananas and left again.

Last week while on trek I became ill and had to be carried home. While still a goodly distance from the mission we were met by about twenty natives from Mbem, who, learning of my illness,



The African Home of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer in Kakaland. Our Missionary, Clara Gebauer, Can Be Seen Seated In Front of the House.

might have bitten me or a worm crawled into my ear or up my nose and she had better have a look.

On that first morning I had an early visitor. A native woman came to call, and she brought a gift of plantains. I could not speak her language nor could she understand mine, but her sympathetic smile touched me deeply. On that same afternoon she came again. Fortunately, the only woman here who understands Pidgin English was with me and from her I learned that the woman, the mother of two young men who come to our church, had heard that I was alone. She said that it was all right for the black woman to be alone for this was her land but it was different with the white woman, and so she had walked a long distance twice that day to keep me from being lonely.

During the days that followed I experienced many times and in many ways the kindness of

came running to assist, and with utmost care they carried me over narrow mountain trails to the mission. Once safely in bed the many women who came to inquire of my health were greeted outside on the step. But, suddenly, there appeared at my bedside an old, old "mommy," bent and withered with age, who had slipped past the door and into the bedroom to pull my fingers and snap the joints. This is the old African custom of wishing me well.

These naked, black people have taken me in—a stranger, not of their race, with language and customs which they cannot understand—and have shown me the same kindness they would show their own people. Are they not practicing the teaching, "Love thy neighbor as thyself?" And he who loves his neighbor as himself will not find it difficult to love Him who is "Love" itself.

# "What's Happening" News

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over that of last year. Two years ago the church made a number of renovations and additions to its building, arranging to pay the incurred debt within three years. Within 23 months, however, the debt has been completely wiped out to the great joy of the church and its pastor, the Rev. E. P. Wahl.

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The Senior B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church of Arnpror, Ontario, Canada, held its installation of officers on Friday, Sept. 25, with a short address and installation prayer by the Rev. A. E. Jaster, pastor of the church. Messages were also brought by Miss Florence Nieman and Miss Hazel Kauffeldt. The newly installed officers are Edgar Burke, president; Leslie Kauffeldt, vice-president; Florence Nieman, recording secretary; Rhona Rehms, treasurer, and Milda Kauffeldt, pianist. These officers were installed respectively by Alexander Burke, Ferdinand Rehmers, Mrs. Clarence Schell, Emil Woermke and Mrs. Robert Schell.

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On Tuesday evening, Aug. 24, a farewell party was held by the King's Daughters Society and B. Y. P. U. of Lehr, N. D., in honor of Miss Bertha Krause, the president of both groups, who left on Sept. 1 for Washington where she hopes to rest and later seek employment. Miss Krause worked faithfully for 10 years in the church as pianist, Sunday School teacher and leader besides serving as president of the above named organizations. The program was in charge of the Rev. J. J. Abel and consisted of musical numbers and messages from several officers of both societies. On the following Sunday evening, Aug. 30, she was presented with a book, entitled "Remembrances," which were in the form of letters, pictures and gifts.

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The opening service of the fall program of the B. Y. P. U. in the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., was held on Sunday evening, Sept. 13. Professor William A. Mueller of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary spoke on "The Challenge of Nationalism to the Christian Church." On the following Sunday evening he answered questions which his address on the previous Sunday had aroused. The 62nd anniversary of the church was held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 16, with the Rev. Milton R. Schroeder and Professor William A. Mueller, special speakers. The Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the church, was in charge of the program. The annual election of officers of the church was held on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

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The Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt began his evangelistic service in our denomination at Morris, Manitoba, from Sept. 20 to 23 and in Winnipeg from Sept. 24 to 27 from where glowing reports have come about the success of the meetings. In

Morris the services were well attended with people coming from a radius of 35 miles and with large offerings held. Similar success was experienced in Winnipeg. A number of people were deeply moved by the messages, which may lead them to make their decisions for Christ. From Sept. 28 to Oct. 4 Brother Fuellbrandt preached in our church at Regina, Saskatchewan. During the rest of October he conducted evangelistic meetings in Turtle Lake, N. D., Herreid, S. D., Ashley, N. D., and Wishek, N. D.

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On Oct. 2 the German Baptist Church of Parkston, S. D., held a public reception for its newly called pastor, the Rev. Albert W. Lang. Mr. Rempfer had charge of the exercises, and representatives of the various organizations of the church expressed their joy in being able to welcome a pastor again after having been without one for two years. These were followed by cordial words of greeting from representatives of the churches at Tripp and at Dry Creek, which will also be served by Mr. Lang. Three pastors from neighboring churches, the Reverends E. Broeckel of Tyndall, E. Gutsche of Plum Creek and F. W. Bartel of Avon also spoke warm words of welcome and encouragement. The Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Lang then spoke brief words of appreciation, following which a social hour was held. May rich blessings attend the united labors of this church and pastor!

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On Sunday, Oct. 25, the German Baptist Church of Emery, S. D., observed its 50th anniversary with the Rev. John Olthoff, D.D., of Salem, Oregon, a former son of the church as the guest speaker. Dr. Olthoff spoke in the Sunday School period, the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon and the Church Fellowship Night on Monday evening, Oct. 26. Other speakers were the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon, the Rev. John Borchers of Chancellor and the Dr. John D. Barton. The members and friends of the "daughter churches" of Emery in Unityville, Spring Valley, Avon, Chancellor and Plum Creek were largely in attendance. Letters and greetings from former pastors and friends and a historical sketch were read. The enterprising pastor of the church, the Rev. Thorwald W. Bender, was in charge of the fine program and brought the festivities to a close by an address on Monday evening.

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The executive committee of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held its annual meeting in Forest Park on Saturday, Sept. 21. Besides the president, Mr. Norman J. Boehm of Detroit, Mich., who was chairman of the meeting, those present were Mr. Walter Schaible of Waco, Texas, vice-president; Miss Edith Duesterhoeft of Milwaukee, Wis., sec-

retary; Mr. Edwin Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., council representative; Mr. M. L. Leuschner, secretary; the Rev. William Kuhn, invited guest of the committee, and several other guests from the vicinity. Important matters such as a Uniform Leadership Training curriculum, record systems and standards of excellence, the young people's program at the General Conference in Portland next summer and the promotion of "The Baptist Herald" were considered, the results of which will be published in our publications as soon as space permits.

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The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held a very successful Rally Day on Sunday, Oct. 4. A prayer meeting was conducted from 8:30 to 9 A. M. by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Wedel. This was followed by the Sunday School period and Rally Day program under the leadership of Mr. E. C. Quade, superintendent. The attendance was so large that the church auditorium had to be used for that program. The morning service was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper. In late afternoon the B. Y. P. U. held a fellowship supper with more than 100 young people present. Afterwards a young people's service was held in the church auditorium under the leadership of Miss Henrietta Wedel, president of the B. Y. P. U. A varied program was rendered consisting of community singing led by Dr. C. Rohrbach, several marimba solos by Miss Rose Marie Congelliere and a stirring address by the Rev. F. W. Knotz of Milwaukee. The reporter, Mr. Charles Engel, stated that "at the close of the services it was the consensus of opinion that a very profitable day had been spent in God's Temple and his work."

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The Rev. William Kuhn, D.D., the denomination's general missionary secretary, is in the midst of one of the most extensive travel programs for the fall months which he has ever undertaken. On Sunday, Oct. 4, he preached in the Second Church of George, Iowa, and participated in the Iowa Association during the early part of that week. On Oct. 13 and 13 he had a large part in the program of the Wisconsin Association which was held at Wausau, Wis. Due to illness he was unable to be present, as planned, on Oct 16 and 17 at the Nebraska Association held in Shell Creek. The Kansas Association was held at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, which Dr. Kuhn attended on Oct. 20 and 21. He then traveled to Los Angeles, Calif., where on Sunday, Oct. 25, he shared in the 50th anniversary program of the First German Baptist Church. From there he went to Portland where he had a consultation with the committee on arrangements for the General Conference in 1937 and participated in the Oregon Association held at the Second Church of Portland. From Friday, Oct. 30 to Sunday, Nov. 1 he

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# Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Tuesday, November 3

## God Is Near

"That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us; for in him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:27-28.

Read Acts 17:22-31

Christ dwells within us. We do not need to cry aloud to make him hear. The very desire to call upon him at all is the response of our hearts to the prompting of his indwelling presence. He is ever close to us—in the order of nature, in the workings of history and, above all, in the experiences of our own lives.

Prayer: "Eternal God, we often think of thee as being far away and yet thou hast promised us thy living presence for all time. Make this promise very real to us."

Wednesday, November 4

## The Life-Giving Stream

"And everything shall live whither the river cometh." Ezekiel 47:9.

Read Ezekiel 47:1-12

An appropriate symbol of the onward progress of Christianity is this life-giving stream in the vision of the prophet. Issuing from the throne of God in the temple, its banks widen and its waters become deeper in its onward course and its vivifying force brings forth life and beauty along the verdant shores. Thus, God's saving truth floods the world with its healing power.

Prayer: "O thou Savior of mankind, speed the day when the knowledge of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea."

Thursday, November 5

## The Macedonian Cry

"Come over into Macedonia, and help us." Acts 16:9.

Read Acts 16:6-15

After nearly 2000 years of Christianity the Macedonian cry is still reverberating throughout a needy and sin-sick world. The ear of the church is becoming obtuse to the cry. Missionary zeal is waning. Millions are left to perish in heathen darkness. How sorely we need a revival of missionary enthusiasm!

Prayer: "O Lord, send forth anew thy halting church with a passion to see and to save the lost."

Friday, November 6

## The Way of Holiness

"And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness." Isaiah 35:8.

Read Isaiah 35

Jesus said, "I am the way." In its

early days the Christian religion was called "the WAY." It is the way of (to) holiness and not the way of the world. To lead men and women into this way is the supreme mission of the Church of Christ.

Prayer: "Thou, divine Master, hast opened up for us the way of life and peace. Keep us in that way when we are tempted to go astray."

Saturday, November 7

## Truth On Fire

"Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way?" Luke 24:32.

Read Luke 24:13-32

What a supreme moment of joy, when the lips of the stranger poured forth words of life into the hearts of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus! When truth is set aglow by the flame of love, it warms its way into eager hearts. Its kindling warmth dispels the gloom of disappointment.

Prayer: "O thou Risen One, wilt thou walk with us and talk with us that our hearts may burn with new life and energy!"

Sunday, November 8

## The Fatal "But"

"Naaman was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper." 2 Kings 5:1.

Read 2 Kings 5:9-15

"But he was a leper." Yes, that fatal disease was the black shadow upon the career of the great man. There are many personalities, otherwise gifted and influential, who break down because of some insidious evil. No wonder that Naaman sought healing so eagerly. A mighty man but leprous!

Prayer: "Holy Father, thou knowest our weaknesses and failings. Heal us! Make us strong in the strength of thy grace."

Monday, November 9

## The Divine Approval

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

Read 2 Timothy 2:15-26

We are often so eager for the approval of men and are hurt if our efforts are seemingly unappreciated. If God's approval were our chief concern, we would be less affected by the praise or non-praise of others. We want to hear God's "Well done!" The workman who is thoroughly furnished handles aright God's Word.

Prayer: "Dear Lord, may we look to thy honor and not to our praise in thy service. In pleasing thee we will never be ashamed."

Tuesday, November 10

## A Prophet's Translation

"And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My Father, my Father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." 2 Kings 2:12.

Read 2 Kings 2:9-14

It was a glorious and well merited triumph for the champion of Carmel, so much more worthy of his prophetic greatness than to have died under the juniper tree, as he had prayed. But it was at the same time a grievous loss for Elisha and for the nation, whose protector Elijah had been.

Prayer: "Thou God of the prophets, thou dost honor those who honor thee. We thank thee for the memory and inspiring example of thy great witnesses."

Wednesday, November 11

## Little Things With Big Meanings

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:40.

Read Matthew 25:31-40

Some things that are very insignificant in themselves are, nevertheless, pregnant with big meaning. "A cup of cold water to the least of men," seems a petty thing. But it is the motive back of the deed that gives to it dignity and worth. A noble spirit makes the humblest act great. "Unto me!" Nothing is small that is done for him and in his spirit!

Prayer: "Gracious Master, may we be actuated and controlled by thy spirit in all that we do, whether it be little or big."

Thursday, November 12

## The Lament of the Prophet

"And I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." 1 Kings 19:10.

Read 1 Kings 19:1-10

The prophet in his despondent state thought the religious condition of Israel to be far worse than it actually was. But it is always so, that we see conditions in their gloomiest aspect, when disappointment clouds our vision. When we are down in the depths, the blue sky above us fades from sight.

Prayer: "When faith becomes dim and hope slender, then, O Lord, grant us a new revelation of thy gracious presence."

Friday, November 13

## Life-Seed

"The good seed are the children of the kingdom." Matthew 13:38.

Read Matthew 13:36-43

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# BEAUTY for ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

## SYNOPSIS

Gloria and Vanna quickly came home after they had received the message of their father's sudden illness, being brought home by their friends, Murray and Robert. But even there in the familiar house, after the young men had gone to New York City on business, the girls felt terribly lonesome for their friends, who were now their sweethearts.

## CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

Gloria went and stood by the window looking out over the lovely stretch of lawn, bordered now with glowing summer flowers, and felt exceedingly lost and lonely. By and by she went upstairs to find her sister, but Vanna was writing a letter already to Robert, and did not see the loneliness in Gloria's eyes. So Gloria sat down and wrote a letter to Murray, and by lunch time her fortitude was restored. Also both Murray and Robert called up again that evening from New York where they had been all day on business, and that helped a great deal.

But by the time another forty-eight hours had passed both Vanna and Gloria had enough to keep both hands and hearts busy, for the morning papers came out with the announcement that the fine old firm of Sutherland and Brainerd had gone bankrupt, and that Brainerd the friend of the years had committed suicide! They had found him in his palatial library with his pistol by his side and a bullet through his brain. He left a note behind him saying that the failure had been all his fault and he could not face the shame of it.

The girls read it with blanched faces and looked at one another.

"Oh, Vanna!" said Gloria. "If you and I had not learned to know the Lord how could we stand all this!"

"Isn't that the truth, Glory!" answered Vanna.

But then came their mother wildly downstairs in her dressing gown, her hair still in its combs, frantic tears on her face that looked old and haggard without its smart makeup.

"Now, Vanna, you'll have to marry Emory Zane! You'll have to, you know, to save Daddy's business! You wouldn't let a little freak stand between you and saving the business would you? Why, Vanna, how are we to live without money?"

"Mother, how would marrying Emory Zane save Father's business?"

"Well, it would!" said her mother with emphasis. "Your father has been under a heavy strain for a long time financial-

ly. That's why he had to come home. It was all the fault of those foreign agents, something about the dollar or the price of gold, or else it wasn't, I forget. Anyway your father was almost distracted, and I happened to mention it to Mr. Zane one evening when he was here and he very kindly offered to help. He said he wouldn't let any price hinder him from helping your father if it came to that. He spoke as if things were all but settled between you and himself, Vanna. He said that it was all in the family, and things like that!"

"But, Mother," said Vanna in distress, "how could you discuss father's affairs with a stranger? You know that father would not like that!"

"Your father might not like it at first, but the business had to be saved, didn't it? How could we live otherwise? Why, Vanna, we might even have to give up this house."

"There are other houses," said Vanna coolly.

"That is ungrateful, Vanna, after your father has provided a palatial home for you."

"I'm not ungrateful, mother. I loved it while we had it, but I think there might be places where we could be a lot happier than here. And anyhow, mother, now the business is gone, and likely the house is gone too, but if father gets well it won't matter."

"If your father gets well and finds his business gone he will go all to pieces. He will die. Or else he will do what his partner has done," said the mother now suddenly gone tearful again.

"No, mother, father wouldn't do that," said Gloria. "Father wouldn't think that was right, father isn't a coward! And, mother, it's up to us to keep him from feeling downhearted. We must just be happy and cheerful and do our best to show him that everything will be all right even if he has lost his money. That isn't the greatest loss in the world."

"Yes," said her mother with a sob, "that's what I'm trying to tell Vanna. She must rise to the occasion and marry Emory Zane who is so deeply devoted to her, and then everything will be all right. He has great holdings abroad and no end of money. The depression hasn't even touched him a tiny bit, and he has practically promised me that he will see your father through. It doesn't matter what the paper says, Emory Zane will straighten everything out. He has promised that he will if Vanna marries him."

"I wouldn't trust him around the corner," said Gloria indignantly. "Vanna

shall never marry him. I would rather we all died of starvation than have Vanna marry that awful man!"

"Gloria," said her mother, "have you turned against me too? Well, you might at least have a little forethought for your sister. If she doesn't marry Emory Zane, and the money is all gone, she won't ever have a chance to marry anyone. Who would want a penniless girl. Have you thought of that?"

Vanna suddenly stood up and looked her mother in the eye, speaking very quietly.

"Mother," she said "you are wasting breath. I shall never marry Emory Zane! And you needn't worry about my never having a chance to get married, I'm going to marry a farmer! I've been engaged for almost a week, a whole wonderful week, and there's his ring on my hand!" And Vanna held out her slim white hand whereon gleamed a lovely ring, a ruby and a pearl set in quaint antique silver.

Mrs. Sutherland gazed in horrified silence for an instant and then became voluble again.

"Stuff and nonsense!" she said, relapsing into the vernacular of her earlier days. "Wearing an old-fashioned ring like that when you might have some of the crown jewels if you wanted them!"

"But I don't want them," said Vanna with a royal smile, "and I love my farmer man! I'd rather be dead than marry the man you want. I'm going to marry Robert Carroll!"

Vanna walked out of the room and left her mother weeping, but Gloria rushed after her sister and threw her arms about her.

"I'm so glad, so glad, Vanna dear!" she whispered. "And I'm going to marry Murray, only don't tell mother yet for she would think I was indecent so soon after Stan's death!"

"No," said Vanna, smiling, "we won't tell mother yet, poor dear. She's got enough to do to contend with me for awhile, and, oh, Gloria, it's going to hit her hard to have the fortune gone! I don't think dad would mind so much if mother would take it bravely, but she never will!"

"No," said Gloria, "I'm afraid she never will! It's going to be a hard time for awhile, isn't it, Vanna? But, oh, if father will only get well it won't matter so much!"

But before night Robert and Murray arrived by plane. They had seen the news and had come on to see if there was any way they could help, and the girls realized that their heavenly Father



had not left them without earthly human comfort as well as heavenly.

The days that followed were full of anxiety and distress, and the new-found faith of the two sisters was tried to the utmost. Their father continued to be critically ill, sometimes seemingly at the point of death, and their mother took to her bed, plunged into deepest distress. They could not rouse her to take a hopeful view of things. It almost seemed at times that she was grieving as much or more over the loss of the fortune than over her husband's critical condition.

Gloria and Vanna slipped in often to their father's bedside, one at a time, and sometimes when the nurse let Gloria stay in her place a few minutes she would kneel softly and pray for her father. Both the girls learned to depend much upon prayer in those hard days.

Things downtown in the office were in chaos. Underlings came and went and sought to get advice, but there was nobody to give advice and the course of the law went on its inexorable way. They were going to lose everything of course. The girls had quietly accepted that as a fact at the first, and it was not troubling them. They scarcely realized what it would mean, they had so many worse things to face just now.

Then one day came Nance, a frightfully haggard, strangely old Nance. Her eyes were sunken deep and had a wild glitter, her voice was harsh, her expression bitter. She looked at Gloria in amazement.

"You're fresh as a rose!" she said enviously. "Maybe you didn't care as much as I thought you did!"

Gloria gave her a sweet look and folded her in her arms.

"You poor dear!" she said softly. "you've been walking down a fiery path since I went away, haven't you?"

Nancy Asher accepted the affection stoically, blinking away a mist in her hard eyes that Gloria's tone had brought.

"It hasn't been easy," she said harshly, "but at that it was only my parents, my brother. I didn't lose a bridegroom. And you with such wonderful prospects! All gone to smash! Wedding presents returned, trousseau put away, wedding dress unworn, and that great gorgeous mansion of yours standing there empty! And yet you seem to have survived it. What's your secret? Tell it to me! I've been thinking of going into the garage and starting a car, or something. I can't go on like this. Father's like a dead man with his great eyes following me around the room, and mother's entirely crazy. I can't stand it much longer. You, with your father at death's door and your mother sick with worry, can smile. You have a light in your eyes. What's your secret? Have you one?"

"Yes, I have a secret," said Gloria lifting tender eyes, "but maybe you won't understand. I wouldn't have a while ago. But I've found Jesus Christ as my Savior, Nance dear, and my whole life is made over!"

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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will have a part in the program of the Pacific Northwest Association at Tacoma, Wash.

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The Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., of which the Rev. David Hamel is pastor, observed the 75th anniversary of the birth of Professor Walter Rauschenbusch on Sunday morning, Oct. 4. The pastor spoke briefly on his life and Christlike personality. Several of his favorite hymns were sung by the congregation and choir. His prayer, "For the Kingdom of God," the poem-prayer, "The Little Gate to God," and his "Affirmation of Faith" were read by three of the young people. This impressive service found a fitting close in a consecration prayer by Professor Lewis Kaiser. Mrs. Pauline Rauschenbusch, the widow of Professor Rauschenbusch, is still an active member of the Rochester church. On Wednesday evening, Sept. 30, the church held a hearty welcome reception for the new seminary students and the new seminary teacher, Professor Frank Woyke. After an address by Professor Woyke on some of his experiences and observations in Germany, a social hour was held. Miss Lydia Reeh, a sister of the Rev. Adolf Reeh of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and one of the church's active young people, has begun her studies for special Christian service at the Baptist Institute for Christian Workers in Philadelphia, Pa. On Sunday, Nov. 1, the church will celebrate its 85th anniversary.

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The convocation exercises of the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., were held on Friday evening, Sept. 18, with the student body and many friends in attendance. Professor Otto Krueger brought an instructive discourse on "Wayside Theology," based on findings gleaned from six young people's assemblies which he attended during the past summer. Professors Krueger and Frank Woyke were inducted into their new offices. The new students in the school are Edgar Borchert of Edmonton, Alberta; Ewald M. Wegner of Winnipeg; Ralph Roy Rott of McCluskey, N. D.; Hugo Zepik of Vancouver, British Columbia; Arthur Schulz of Washburn, N. D.; Rudolph Woyke of Minneapolis, Minn.; Frank Veninga of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Peter Pfeiffer of Philadelphia, Pa. Four of the young men are high school graduates and the others have had two years of high school with considerable experience in life. The members of the latest class are promising candidates for the Christian ministry. The students of the seminary who have returned have brought encouraging reports of their work during the summer. Of the large number of converts reported as a result of the summer's activities by the students 18 persons have already been baptized. The school committee met at the seminary on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

## DAILY MEDITATIONS

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"The field is the world." "The seed is the word," but it is the word incarnated in consecrated souls. The Kingdom of God is self-propagating. The children of the Kingdom are its germinating life. Life can come only through life. Only the seed of corn that dies will bear fruit.

Prayer: "Help us, thou Lord of life, to sink our lives into the field of the world, that we may thus have a share in propagating thy Kingdom."

Saturday, November 14

### The 7000 (Left)

"Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal." 1 Kings 19:18.

Read 1 Kings 19:11-18

The church sometimes seems to have departed from the ways of truth and of Christian loyalty. But while we lament, "I only am left," God reminds us that there is still a goodly number of the faithful—7000 who do not bow unto Baal. If we count ourselves among them, let us show our colors.

Prayer: "May we prove our worthiness to be counted among the seven thousand loyal ones!"

Sunday, November 15

### Like Jesus

"And they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13.

Read Acts 4:13-20

It is a triumph of Christian living so to move among one's fellows in the everyday relationships of life, that they will be reminded of Jesus. But such an one will not be self-conscious but, like Jesus, as humble as he is holy. If we are like Jesus, others will know it, because they see it.

Prayer: "We pray today for such self-forgetting purpose to walk with Jesus that others may praise, not us, but him."

Monday, November 16

### The Penetrating Eye of God

"Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7.

Read 1 Samuel 16:1-12

Outward seeming and inward well-being are the two choices of life. We may live for the eyes of the world, or for the assurance of our own personality. Simplicity, symmetry and sincerity are qualities of the good life, but they may be enjoyed only by those who have built by a divine pattern.

Prayer: "As disciples of the lowly Jesus we would pattern our lives, not for outward seeming, but for inward being, knowing that he who judgeth us is the all-seeing God."

# Reports from the Field

## Dakota Conference

### First Report From Newly Organized B. Y. P. U. At Brady, Montana

On Friday evening, August 28, the young people's society of the Baptist Church of Brady, Montana, had a pleasant farewell party for their student pastor, Mr. Edgar Klatt, who left shortly thereafter to resume his studies at the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. The evening was enjoyably spent playing games, singing hymns and partaking of refreshments.

The young people of the Brady Baptist Church have sincerely enjoyed having Mr. Edgar Klatt with them during the summer months. He helped them to organize and to establish a young people's society, which they hope to make a larger and better organization during the coming months. A picture of this group of the Brady young people, which is the first picture of our newly organized B. Y. P. U., is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

MRS. ED WEIKUM, JR., Sec'y.

### Reception Services in Missoula and Pablo

On Friday, Sept. 4, the Rev. E. Bibelheimer and his family arrived in Missoula, Montana, to begin the pastoral work in the Missoula and Pablo churches. On the same evening the Missoula church had a surprise for the new minister and his family in the form of a reception.

The program was in charge of the undersigned, who brought a brief sermon on the text, Acts 10:33. Afterwards words of welcome were spoken by the deacon, Christian Heinle; by the Sunday School superintendent, John Maer; by the president of the B. Y. P. U., Herbert Schmautz, and by the president of the women's missionary society, Mrs. C. A. Gruhn. The service was enriched with songs by the young people's choir, the women's missionary society and three of the deacon's children.

On the following Sunday Mr. Bibelheimer preached his first sermons in Missoula and on Sept. 13 in Pablo. At the close of the afternoon meeting in Pablo Mr. and Mrs. Bibelheimer as well as Mr. and Mrs. Gruhn were asked to take seats in front of the church. Mrs. Bocksnick, the president of the women's missionary society handed on envelope with a gift to Mrs. Gruhn, after which she asked Mr. and Mrs. Bibelheimer to come into the side room of the church, where she showed them what the women of the church had provided for them in the form of different kinds of food materials. May the Lord richly bless them for their kindness towards his servants!

C. A. GRUHN, Reporter



Young People's Group At Brady, Montana

### Young People's Sessions of the South Dakota Association

Friday afternoon, September 25, during the South Dakota Association at Avon was devoted to Sunday School work, and we had the honor of having the Rev. M. Leuschner, our young people's secretary, with us. He spoke to us about the necessity of training our Sunday School teachers and also presented to us the six point record system and the standard of excellence which are to be followed in the Sunday Schools of our state.

On Friday evening, after an inspiring song service led by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn of Canistota in his own pleasing way, the young people of the various societies rendered a program. Vocal and instrumental numbers and readings were given by the various representatives and an interesting address was brought by Miss Eunice Kolaschewsky on the topic, "The Challenge and the Value of an Efficiency Contest in our State Union." The Rev. F. W. Bartel of Avon explained the attendance contest of our Y. P. and S. S. W. Union. The climax of the evening's program was reached in an address by the Rev. M. Leuschner on the theme, "Life At Its Best," in which he brought out the completeness of our lives if our trust is in our Master and Lord, for everywhere Christ is the same.

Again on Sunday afternoon, after a flowery introduction of the audience to the speaker and the speaker to the audience by Mr. Bartel, we listened to a message by Mr. Leuschner. His theme, "Finding Ourselves in Life," was based upon Luke 21:19, "In patience ye shall win your souls." With all the forks in the road of life, which way shall we turn? Will we make the right decision? He pressed upon us the great truth that to find oneself is to lose oneself in Jesus Christ.

The young people who attended these sessions are confident that with Christ as their guide they cannot fail, and we were all inspired with a greater longing to give ourselves entirely in his service.

MARTHA R. WIESE, Reporter

## The South Dakota Association At Avon

The 90th session of the South Dakota Association convened with our church at Avon from Sept. 23 to 27. Large crowds had gathered from all over the association area for the meetings.

The general theme of the association was "The Church and its Task." The opening service was in charge of the Rev. F. W. Bartel, pastor of the entertaining church, who also brought a message of welcome. The Rev. John Borchers of Chancellor brought the opening message.

Each session throughout the week was opened with a devotional period. The morning devotions were led by the following brethren: A. A. Voigt of Avon, L. F. Jacobs of Chancellor, and E. Gutsche of Plum Creek, while the afternoon devotions were led by E. Broeckel of Tyndall and T. W. Bender of Emery. Every one of these short periods brought us into the real spirit of devotion.

The regular business session on Thursday was held with the election of officers and reports from the churches. One fact that is worthy of special mention is that in the midst of the worst continued drouth, which this state has ever experienced, not a single church in any way sounded a note of pessimism in its report.

During Thursday afternoon and Friday forenoon the following topics on the church were discussed: "The Local Church and the Great Commission" by Rev. H. W. Helwig, "Do We Reach the Biblical Standard in Our Churches?" by Rev. T. W. Bender, "What God Would Teach Us Through Drouth and Insects" by Rev. John Borchers, "What Parts of Our Church Activities Would Cause Our Lord to Rejoice?" by Rev. E. Broeckel, "What Conditions in Our Churches Should Cause Us Grave Concern?" by Rev. E. Gutsche. On Thursday evening the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn preached on the theme "True Greatness."

At the close of each morning session we were led in the closing meditation by the Rev. H. R. Schroeder who spoke on the last verse of 1 Cor. 13—"Faith," "Hope" and "Love." These studies were very fitting to close a busy forenoon.

All delegates and friends anticipated an exceptional program for Friday afternoon and evening, and suffice it to say that we were not disappointed in our expectations. This time was in the hands of our Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, and this organization will present its own report.

Sunday was the closing day, but it was one in which we were all led into the presence of God. In the morning the annual missionary program was held with a message brought by the Rev. W. Helwig. After the sermon an offering



was held which amounted to \$85.15. Considering conditions in the Dakotas, this offering was very gratifying.

After the regular morning service the Sunday School met with the local superintendent, Mr. A. A. Voigt, in charge. Short and fitting addresses were given by the Reverends M. L. Leuschner, T. W. Bender and E. Gutsche. Several musical numbers were an inspiring addition to this hour. In the afternoon Mr. Leuschner brought another fitting message, and the closing message in the evening was brought by the Rev. T. W. Bender.

While delegates and visitors were speeding in the various directions to their homes, they carried with them new inspiration to go forward in God's Kingdom. We all felt a new inner urge to do greater things for God and the Church. The splendid hospitality shown to us by the Avon Church will long be remembered.

W. HELWIG, Reporter

### Ordination of the Rev. William Sturhahn

The ordination of Mr. Wm. Sturhahn took place on Wednesday evening, Sept. 16, in our church at Unityville, S. D. Mr. Sturhahn is one of the graduates of this year's class from our seminary in Rochester. The Unityville and Spring Valley churches have called him as their pastor, and he has been on the field since the beginning of July.

The Unityville church sponsored the ordination. The following churches were invited and responded in sending delegates: Madison, Pum Creek, Chancellor, Salem Swedish Baptist and Emery.

Mr. C. Wobig, a deacon of the church, opened the examination service with prayer and Scripture reading. The church clerk read the minutes of the calling of the council by the church. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder was elected to serve as moderator, and the Rev. T. W. Bender was elected to serve as clerk. After the candidate had related his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views, the council voted to recommend the candidate to the church for ordination into the Christian ministry.

The Rev. T. W. Bender had charge of the ordination service on the same evening. The Rev. H. R. Schroeder preached the ordination sermon and offered the ordination prayer. The Rev. E. Gutsche extended the hand of fellowship into the ministry. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. J. Borchers, and the charge to the church by the Rev. A. Rendahl. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn dismissed the congregation with the benediction.

The officers and members of the two churches expressed themselves as most satisfied and pleased with the work which their new pastor and his wife have already done. May the benediction of God's favor and presence continue with Mr. and Mrs. Sturhahn throughout their ministry.

T. W. BENDER, Clerk

## Southwestern Conference

### Missionary and Installation Program by B. Y. P. U. of Lorraine

The Senior B. Y. P. U. of Lorraine, Kansas, presented a missionary program on Sunday evening, Sept. 6, at the church. The entire program was in charge of the young people with Harold F. Juedes, president, presiding.

The theme of the program was "the Holy Spirit in Missions." The song service was led by Edna Schroeder. Wanda and Caroline Janssen sang a duet entitled, "My Faith in Thee." Several short talks were given as follows: Gordon Schroeder on "The Nature of the Holy Spirit in Missions," Hazel Kruse on "The Necessity of the Holy Spirit in Missions," and Wanda Janssen on "The Power of the Holy Spirit in Missions." Other musical numbers were a clarinet solo by Opal Schroeder and a quartet song by Mildred Kruse, Arlene Melchert, Alfred Janssen, Jr. and Donald Schmidt.

The newly elected officers of the B. Y. P. U. were installed into their responsibilities. They are as follows: Hazel Kruse, president; Raymond Schmidt, vice-president; Helen Rolfs, secretary; Emory McKenzie, treasurer; Opal Schroeder, song leader; Ruth Mary Meacham, pianist; Mrs. Meacham, Henry Froning, Elmer Kruse, and the Rev. Pieter Smit, sponsors; Harold F. Juedes, Delmer Kruse, Hazel Stassen and Marvel Schroeder, group leaders.

HAROLD F. JUEDES, Reporter.

### Fifty Years of Service In the Bethany B. Y. P. U. In Kansas

Fifty years ago a group of 14 young people with the knowledge of a need and a vision of service met at the Bethany Church in Lincoln County, Kansas, and organized a young people's union. Eight charter members are still living although only two are in the Bethany community. Since that time many young people have received training and encouragement in this society and have become active Christian workers at home or in other churches.

This anniversary together with the B. Y. P. U. retreat was observed from October 2 to 4 and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago was the speaker for the occasion.

Around the theme, "Building For Service," Mr. Leuschner led discussions in which problems, concerning the improvement of personal and social life, were discussed. Ministers from neighboring churches led devotional periods and a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the retreat. Meals were served in the church basement and on Saturday evening a wiener roast was enjoyed. Mr. Leuschner with his fine personality and earnest messages was an inspiration to the young people who are now looking forward to greater service in God's Kingdom.

During the past year the B. Y. P. U.

selected a theme for each month and some phase of this theme was discussed at each weekly meeting. Three programs, four denominational meetings and a missionary study course were held throughout this year.

The Bethany B. Y. P. U. is looking forward to many more years of service. We appreciate the foundation that has been laid and with greater zeal we face the problems of tomorrow by consecrating our lives to greater service for Christ.

CLARA GABELMANN, Sec'y.

### Central Conference Annual Young People's Conference of Dayton, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Churches

Young people from the German Baptist Churches of Dayton, Cincinnati and Indianapolis met in a three-day convention from September 5 to 7 in the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind.

Delegates from Dayton and Cincinnati arrived on Saturday evening, Sept. 5, in time for supper and the opening service, led by Bruno Bredy, the president of the Young People's Union. An interesting program followed with stunts by the Dayton, Cincinnati and Indianapolis groups, respectively. Margaret Schilling of Indianapolis was chairman of the program.

On Sunday morning the church service was in charge of the Rev. A. Bredy of Indianapolis. The Rev. Clive McGuire of the Indianapolis Baptist Association spoke on the topic, "What We May Expect of Youth." Miss Emma Schaeffer, superintendent of the Sunday School of the Bethel Baptist Church, was in charge of the Sunday School service. Mr. R. O. Gaertner of Philadelphia, Pa., brought greetings from "the city of brotherly love." Miss Schaeffer extended the welcome to the delegates, and she was followed by Miss Wealtha Bausman of Dayton and Mr. Oscar Schmidt of Cincinnati. Mr. McGuire presented a splendid spiritual view in his address to the Sunday School. Mr. Harold Martin of Dayton led the singing in the evening service, and the Rev. Clive McGuire brought a wonderful message to the assembly.

On Monday morning at the business meeting the following new officers were elected: Anna Ruth Schmidt of Cincinnati, president; Bruno Bredy of Indianapolis, vice-president; Wealtha Bausman of Dayton, secretary and treasurer. A vote of thanks was given to the outgoing officers, who were Bruno Bredy of Indianapolis, president; Harold Martin of Dayton, vice-president; and John Meyer of Cincinnati, secretary and treasurer.

After the meeting the assembly went to Garfield Park where a picnic was held for the convention. General games were played, and the visitors viewed the sunken gardens and swimming pool. Everyone went home happy and all are ready for next year's convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. DENZIL YOUNG, Sec'y.

## Northern Conference

### Farewell for Mr. Jespersen Before His Departure for China

The young people of the Glory Hill Baptist Church at Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada, met on Sept. 6 to bid "farewell" to one of their esteemed members, Mr. Walter Jespersen, who had finished his studies at a nearby Bible School and answered the call to go as missionary to China. He sailed from Vancouver, British Columbia, on Sept. 19 for the Orient. The young people's society deeply regrets having to lose three of its active members, for two others have previously gone to foreign mission fields.

After the opening worship service Mr. Walter Jespersen brought his farewell message based on Hebrews 11:8. Very sincerely and fittingly he compared his future pathways and experiences with those of Abraham, not knowing where the Lord wanted him to go, but, like Abraham, desiring to be obedient. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch, our pastor, spoke very sincere parting words to Mr. Jespersen, and warmly recommended Psalm 91:11 to him as a comfort and refuge in times of danger and discouragement.

After a few personal words from the president, he handed Mr. Jespersen a gift in the nature of an envelope with money which had been given by the young people of the church who love and respect him for his Christian character and who wish to support him in this undertaking for Christ. May God richly bless him and make him a blessing to others!

H. L. DA TOBERT, Sec'y.

### Festive Days At Morris, Manitoba

September 20 to 23 were memorable days for us here in Morris, Manitoba, Canada. We had with us the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, director of our Danubian field. On Sunday morning in our Sunday School we were already privileged to hear this messenger of God from across the seas. In the days that followed we became conscious again and again of "the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God," awakening us to the fact that there is still much to be done and that each is responsible for his share. At the same time it was a call to those who do not as yet stand in the ranks of their God to decide for him.

Our Thanksgiving services were held on October 4. Silent testimonials of thankfulness to "the Giver" of blessings were the many fruits and vegetables, grains and flowers, neatly grouped near the chancel. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt, our pastor, brought the morning message to a well filled church. The Sunday School presented the program of the afternoon. That all present were spiritually enriched was shown by the spontaneity with which the Thanksgiving offering of \$70 was given and by the reluctance with which the crowd dispersed.

October 3 was Mr. Mittelstedt's birthday. It was the occasion for a surprise

for him arranged by the choir. Forty members of the choir greeted him with his favorite birthday song after the rehearsal period. Mr. Rapske, the choir president, and Mrs. Cran spoke words of congratulation in behalf of the choir. The hearty handclaps, the well filled tables and the birthday gift bore their own message of friendship and esteem.

We pray that God may bless our pastor and his family and help us to contribute toward their happiness in our midst for many years to come!

IDA J. HOFFMAN, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Recent B. Y. P. U. Events in the Second Church of Philadelphia

Dusk! Save for the chirping of the crickets, the occasional call of a bird, the rustling of leaves, all was quiet—the stillness that precedes earth's slumber. Silhouetted against the deepening shadows, a group of about 50 young people worshipped in the natural and picturesque outdoor chapel at Camp Unami on Sept. 15. Truly, we felt "near to the heart of God." Our pastor, the Rev. A. Husmann, leading the vesper service, pleaded for more consecrated Christian living that from us as individuals and as a group there might issue a magnetic influence.

Following a short business session in the Wigwam, the remainder of the evening was spent in a social way under capable leadership. Our new abbreviation of a good social is F-F-F, meaning "Fun-Fellowship-Food," and inasmuch as we enjoyed all three, it left nothing to be wished for.

On the evening of Sept. 20th, with a mixture of feelings, we took leave of one of our young men, Peter Pfeiffer, who entered our German Baptist Seminary in Rochester this fall. We shall miss his ready and cheerful service in our society, but we are willing to suffer this loss in view of his preparation for an even larger work. As a token of love and an expression of our best wishes, the young people presented him with a portable typewriter.

EVA YUNG, Reporter

### Silver Wedding Anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. F. Orthner

The pastor of the Harlem Church, the Rev. Frank Orthner, and his wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 8. Members of the women's missionary society, led by their faithful past president, Mrs. A. Lauer, agreeably surprised the celebrants at their home on that same evening. The congregation, however, wished to mark the happy occasion in a special way, and a committee, composed of the leaders of the various organizations, planned to give them a surprise on the following Sunday at the close of the evening service.

After the impressive and instructive sermon on the topic, "Unholy Laughing" had been delivered, one of the deacons in

charge of the program announced the names of those who had donated bouquets in honor of the pastor's fourteen years of service in the Harlem Church and requested all to be seated after the closing song and benediction. Mrs. Schneider recited a fitting poem and Mrs. Lauer followed with a fine congratulatory speech in the name of the women's missionary society and presented Mrs. Orthner with a bouquet of 25 beautiful roses. Mr. Carl Sewald and Mrs. Stoerkel rendered two additional poems expressing similar sentiments.

The festivities then shifted to the basement of the church, where decorated tables were spread with delicacies. Here the presentation was made, consisting of an original arrangement of 25 new, shining silver dollars in diamond-shaped design, with blue and silver background framed in silver. Under each coin, on silver imitation paper, was written an appropriate wish. Several speeches were delivered by members of the congregation. Then the pastor and Mrs. Orthner voiced the hope that the work of the Kingdom of God entrusted to the Harlem Church would continue in peace.

FRED J. MAEDER, Reporter

### "Aufwiedersehen" Meeting Held In Honor of Pastor-elect of the First Church, Brooklyn

Approximately 100 persons gathered on Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, in the Sunday School room of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, where under the leadership of the Young People's Society, an "Auf Wiedersehen" program and social were tendered to our pastor-elect, Mr. Adolf E. Kannwischer.

Mr. Kannwischer, who has served the church for the past three months as student minister, was unanimously elected on Sunday, Sept. 13, as the permanent pastor after the completion of his studies at the University of Rochester. It is expected that Mr. Kannwischer will occupy the pulpit permanently about June 15, 1937.

After the usual devotions, including the reading of the Scripture passage and prayer, those present were welcomed by the president of the B. Y. P. U., William Strunk. The following program was presented by various members of the church: piano duet, Mrs. H. V. Ross and Mrs. F. C. Arnold; anthem by the mixed choir; song by the male quartette; soprano solo by Mrs. G. H. Beck; alto and tenor duet by Mrs. H. Koch and Mr. Emil Lepke.

The speaker of the evening, the Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Immanuel Church in New York City, congratulated the church on its choice of pastor and humorously compared the meeting to an engagement party, in that Mr. Kannwischer is now engaged to us and will soon serve our church.

As a gift from the young people's society, Mr. Kannwischer was presented with a beautiful leather bound copy of "Thompson's Chain Reference Bible."

HELEN NESTLER, Reporter



### Young People's Assembly At Camp Unami

The week of August 15 to 22 has now become a memory, and to those who attended the Atlantic Conference summer assembly, held again this year at Camp Unami, it is indeed a pleasant memory.

The Rev. Charles Koller was our capable dean, and the faculty was composed of Prof. Albert Bretschneider, dean of the German Baptist Seminary; the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J.; the Rev. Reuben Jeschke, pastor of the German Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn.; and Mr. Winfield Ruelke of Brooklyn, our jovial recreational director.

The class periods in the mornings were exceptionally interesting and instructive. Professor Bretschneider presented for our consideration "A Study In Corinthians," in which he dealt with many of our church problems. Mr. Brushwyler taught us very thoroughly about "Personal Evangelism," and left with us the challenging thought, "Now what am I going to do about it?" Mr. Jeschke's course on "The Bible: How It Came To Be" was very enlightening and increased our scriptural knowledge materially.

Forum discussions (after the last class session) provided opportunity for everyone to express himself on such subjects as vocational guidance, politics, Christian living, war, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Many fine suggestions and thoughts were brought out at these discussions and we consider these forums to be a vital part of our assembly.

Our recreational director, Mr. Ruelke, kept us all active during the social periods with baseball, volleyball, tennis, and swimming in the afternoons and special "home talent" programs in the evenings.

The vesper services in the natural amphitheater surrounded by trees were always an inspiration, and the subjects discussed by our dean added to the impressiveness of the occasions.

It was indeed a full and active as well as instructive and inspirational program which was presented to us, and we are all looking ahead with eager anticipation to the assembly to be held next year.

JOHN HENSEL, Reporter

### Welcome Reception for the Rev. Theodore Koester in Meriden

A reception for the Rev. Theodore Koester, the newly called pastor of the Liberty Street Baptist Church in Meriden, Conn., was held at the church on Friday evening, Sept. 25, with a large number of members and friends from other New England churches in attendance.

Vincent Nold, president of the young people's society and also of the young people's union of New England, opened the program with a scripture reading. The Rev. R. P. Jeschke of New Britain offered a prayer for the blessings of God on the new minister and the congregation,

followed by Myron Schuster, superintendent of the Sunday School, who welcomed the pastor into the church and in behalf of the congregation expressed his joy in having Mr. Koester with them.

Instrumental and vocal numbers added to the impressiveness of the program. Mrs. Viola Korn sang a solo, accompanied at the piano by Miss Gladys Schuster. Arthur McCarthy also sang, accompanied by Mrs. George Andrews, who presided at the organ. Ernest Siebert gave two violin selections, with Miss Myrtle Lewis playing the piano accompaniment.

Representing the church societies and extending a hearty welcome to Mr. Koester were Frank Maronn, senior deacon; Vincent Nold, the B. Y. P. U.; Mrs. Albert Lewis, the Ladies' Aid society; Mrs. Anna Snow, the Friendly Bible class; Adolph Kamens, the Live Wire Men's club; and Miss Daisy Birdsey, representing the Olive Branch chapel.

The Rev. Burt N. Timbie, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Meriden, and the Rev. Julius Kaaz, pastor of the German Baptist Church of New Haven, extended a hearty welcome to him into the New England Baptist ministry.

Mr. Koester responded by saying that the reception accorded him was one that has made him very happy. He told of the many experiences and the hospitality he has received from the members and said that he is looking forward to increasingly happy relationships with the people in the work of the church.

### Northwestern Conference The Wisconsin Assembly

Assembly time in Wisconsin found a fine group of young people gathered at the Immanuel Church in Milwaukee, Wis., ready to share in the inspiring program which had been arranged. We were fortunate in having a truly interesting group of speakers.

During the devotional period the Rev. Herbert Hiller of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee led us in thoughts of life's adventure. True life is a spiritual adventure, a process of growth in fine relationships with God and men, in widening aspirations and ever multiplying interests, all combined into the symmetry and harmony of dynamic ideals which raise man from the dust stairward to moral heights, bring him "unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" and make him an adventurer in the great enterprise of building a better world.

The Rev. Fred Erion of the West Allis Baptist Church led us in a course on "Youth Building a Christian Home." Our discussions were based upon Luke 2:52, "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." This verse reflects the four-fold and well-balanced growth and development of the life of Jesus. It also suggests the only adequate foundation for a genuine Christian home.

The much discussed subject of "Co-

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operatives" also found a place in our discussion which was led by the Rev. L. B. Holzer of the North Avenue Church of Milwaukee. In the midst of a world where there is an abundance of everything there are poverty and want. Christ came that men might have life and have it to the full. In a world where selfishness and greed are predominant the realization of such an ideal is well-nigh impossible. Realizing these conditions as Christians we must put forth every effort to work for a system in which brotherhood shall be the dominating idea.

Our main speaker, Prof. O. E. Krueger of the German Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., taught a course on Christian doctrine in which he laid the doctrinal foundation to the challenge of building a new world, centering the discussions on the keywords, "Separation, Mediation, Regeneration, and Inspiration." Sin has brought about man's separation from God and fellowmen and all the resultant misery. Christ has bridged the chasm. He is the way upon which God came to us and upon which we come to God.

Prof. Krueger also brought the evening messages which dealt with the Christian life—abundant, unified, victorious, consecrated. Other features of our evening services were program night, on which each society represented gave a special number, and a play, "The Great Choice" by Fred Eastman, presented by the North Avenue society.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: president, Albert Rohrbach, Jr., Kossuth; vice-president, Henrietta Wedel, Milwaukee, Immanuel Church; secretary, Faythe Habeck, Wausau; and treasurer, Harold Anthold, Pound. The assembly takes advantage of this added opportunity to express its appreciation for the hospitality during these memorable days. May God's grace lead us together again next year at Pound.

FRANCES KRUEGER, Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference Near Minneapolis From Sept. 2 to 5

The 1936 session of the Northwestern Conference was one of interest and inspiration. The Rev. H. Hirsch and the First Church of Minneapolis proved to be very able and genial hosts. This was probably the first time that the conference was not held in one of our churches and the change proved to be very interesting for those attending. Mission Farm, the place of our meeting, is located on Medicine Lake, ten miles west of Minneapolis. It is the meeting place of many very popular conferences. It is owned and operated by the Protestant churches of the Twin Cities in connection with a 500 acre farm which is operated by and for homeless men. Thanks to the entertaining church the newest and best buildings were secured for the use of our conference. These are huge buildings of split stone construction, comfortable and beautiful to look upon. The furniture in the Chapel and Inn was made of white birch limbs and presented another beautiful picture.

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The opening session was held on Wednesday evening, Sept. 2, when the speaker was the Rev. Paul Zoschke of Elgin, Iowa. He addressed the conference in German on the text, "According to My Gospel." It prompted the delegates to a sincere heart searching as each one was led to ask himself the question "What is the gospel according to me?" The atmosphere was deeply devotional and led us all to new consecration.

On the second evening the Rev. John Wob'g of Wausau, Wis., gave what might be called the keynote address, taking for his subject the conference theme, "Thy Kingdom Come." It was a stirring appeal for the reign of God in human hearts affecting all of life's relationships. At this session the Rev. H. Hirsch as chairman in a charming way introduced the ladies' chorus of the Riverview Church of St. Paul of which Mr. Wob'g is the newly elected pastor.

After every session the writer of these notes witnessed little groups of delegates standing about, expressing their appreciation of the messages and discussing the various themes presented. This exchange of opinion and acquaintance with the varied views of our people is one of the most delightful experiences while attending conference.

The leaders of the devotional periods, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, Rev. V. Wolf and "Pa" Steiger made a distinct contribution. Many of our older people think this to be the best part of our sessions and ask for even greater concentration here. The Rev. H. W. Wedel of Milwaukee was a busy man as program chairman and did a fine job of keeping things moving smoothly, and Rev. C. F. Lehr of Appleton proved to be a very efficient and jovial moderator in conducting the business sessions. It is in these sessions also that one appreciates the attendance of the laymen at our conference for the contribution they make in sharing their experiences. Let's have more laymen in attendance in future years and a larger place of leadership committed to them.

Dr. Wm. Kuhn brought two inspiring messages and ably demonstrated his leadership as he presented the denominational interests in the business sessions. His proposals carried unanimously. Another guest speaker was the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, the story of whose work is always eagerly received. Many in our denomination feel that our work in Africa should be emphasized more, but surely this does not mean that our European missions should be supported any less heartily. Professor Shade was present at the conference and took part in the program. His common sense and genial spirit makes him popular with our people.

The presence of the young people at the conference was stimulating. It lent life and enthusiasm. They had two sessions. The first on Saturday evening was ably addressed by Mr. Heineman, a high school principal and the son of the

Rev. F. H. Heineman of St. Boniface, Minnesota, on the subject, "An Adequate Philosophy of Life." The other session was on Sunday afternoon when Mr. Leuschner was the King's messenger. Ted Hirsch and his assistants led the group and invited the older ones to join them in an hour of wholesome fellowship and fun at the close of each day. This time was always very refreshing, and never once did it dampen the spiritual fires but rather kindled them to a warmer glow. On Saturday afternoon the delegates were treated to a tour of the city, its lakes, municipal gardens and beautiful art museum.

As usual the grand climax came on Sunday when the Rev. A. G. Lang preached a missionary sermon to the morning congregation. It was a challenging call to seize the opportunity. On Sunday evening the Rev. Wm. Kuhn spoke for the second time and as our people know he is at his best at such a climax occasion. The spiritual uplift of this day's services sent everyone home with a song and a prayer, "May God bless his Kingdom and glorify his worthy name."

REV. A. ENGEL, Reporter

### OBITUARY Hans Keiser

Mr. Hans Keiser was born June 16, 1868, in Gelterkinden, Switzerland, and died at his residence in Elgin, Iowa, on Sept. 23, 1936, at the age of 68 years, 3 months and 7 days. He received his education in the school of his Fatherland where he was determined to study medicine. Because of his health, however, he was advised to desist and to seek a change of climate, upon which he emigrated to America at the age of 19 years. Here he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Falb, to which union three children were born of whom one died in infancy. His faith in Jesus Christ, which he found shortly after his emigration to America, was a continual source of joy and strength to him. He built into his life the principles of his Lord to a point worthy of emulation.

Mr. Keiser's occupation included that of postmaster of Elgin, Iowa, for 17 years, music teacher and insurance agent. However, his activities were not confined to these. During his lifetime he held the following offices: Superintendent of the Sunday School for 35 years, conductor of the church choir for 35 years, treasurer of the Northwestern Conference for 18 years, treasurer of the Elgin school board, chairman of the Fayette County Republican organization, director of the German Baptist Life Association of Buffalo, N. Y., director of the Citizens' State Bank of Elgin. Of his time, effort and money he gave liberally to his community and to all who needed him, but the first place among all for whose welfare he was concerned was occupied by his church. Mr. Keiser was also one of four or five men who many years ago met in Burlington, Iowa, to organize the German Baptist young people's convention, of which he was also president for a long period of time.

Those who mourn his departure are Mrs. Mary Keiser; a daughter, Mrs. C. L. Huisings of Appleton, Iowa; a son, Dr. Harry R. Keiser of Chicago, Ill.; five grandchildren, Paul, Gordon and Myrlyn Huisinga, and Harry Robert and Mary Ann Keiser; two brothers, Jacob and Emil; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Vosseler and Miss Ida Keiser, the latter four of Switzerland. Their loss is shared by the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, the town and surrounding community of Elgin, and a great host of friends. May the God of peace, who rewards the faithful, bless all who shall miss the earthly presence of our deceased brother but in whom his ideals shall live on.

The brethren who participated in the burial services were the Reverends C. F. Lehr, A. G. Lang, H. Palfenier and C. Swyter. The service was in charge of the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke.

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Elgin, Iowa.

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Shall we all pull together to place the HERALD in every home of our communion and thereby increase the circulation to a paying basis.

The Publishers



# Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, To SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

## Practical Program Suggestions

The first announcement of this year's observance of the THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK appeared in the previous issue of "The Baptist Herald." The General Council will make every possible attempt to make this week a source of many blessings in all of our churches. The number of blessings received during this denominational week will certainly be determined by the manner in which it is observed in the local church. In order to acquaint every individual with the purpose and program of this THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK, our denominational publications in several issues will feature this announcement. Also, attractive posters have been sent to our churches. The following practical suggestions to be used in the observance of this week will be helpful and welcome to our pastors and leaders of such organizations.

### Suggestions For The Churches

The key person in the effective observance of the THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK is the pastor of the local church. We are prayerfully concerned that God's Spirit will touch the eyes and lips and hearts of our ministers so that they will zealously and enthusiastically present the challenge of this observance to their congregations. Naturally, the pastor's responsibility is to call attention to this week in his announcements. The two Sundays previous to Thanksgiving Day are opportunities for him to bring sermons amplifying and emphasizing this denominational undertaking. He can use much illustrative material in his sermons gleaned from the missionary reports in this and previous issues of our publications. The services held on or near Thanksgiving Day can be the occasion for him to call attention to the divine blessings which we as a denomination have enjoyed. Certainly, every minister will make earnest preparations with his church to plan for a Thanksgiving offering for our denominational missionary enterprise to be held at the best suitable time for the church.

### Suggestions For The Individual

Every member of our churches will also have to do his or her share. Let your heart warm up to this THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. Read again the announcements that have appeared concerning it in our papers. Think about its message, not only while you are in attendance at a church service, but when you are alone. In the temple of your heart let the incense of your prayers rise to God. Do not forget to thank God that you have been privileged to enter

into the spiritual covenant with Jesus Christ and that you have become a member of one of our churches. Reflect upon the thought as to the amount of your Thanksgiving offering as you fulfill your task as a faithful steward of God, and then give that offering with a cheerful heart.

### Suggestions For the Missionary Societies

We have learned by repeated experiences that our women's missionary societies will not be the last to emphasize the importance of the THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK. During the earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ he was anointed three times by thankful persons and on every occasion it was a woman who anointed him. It is also true in our churches that the Christian women are distinguishing themselves by their faithful services. Many of the regular meetings of these missionary societies will not occur during this Thanksgiving Week. But undoubtedly they will remember this observance at their November or December meeting. In our denominational publications much missionary material has appeared. This can be read or repeated in their services. We believe that the women of our churches will not neglect to give expression of their thanksgiving to God by making some appropriations from their treasury for our missionary enterprise.

### Suggestions For Sunday Schools And Young People's Societies

The youth of our churches active in Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s need to catch a vision of our far flung missionary task. The story of our missionaries in the Cameroons and the account of our work in Bulgaria among the gypsies lend themselves to intensely interesting presentations in such organizations. Devote the entire opening or closing worship service of the Sunday School period or the B. Y. P. U. service preceding Thanksgiving Day to a well planned program or our missionary adventures and have the boys and girls and young people come prepared with their missionary offering, and the spiritual blessings which will be received in return will easily be evident. "The Special Denominational Number" or the current issue of "The Baptist Herald" can be used for this purpose. Copies of these can be secured by writing to our Publication Society in Cleveland. Further program plans or appropriate dramatizations for the occasion can be secured by writing to the Rev. William Kuhn, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

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