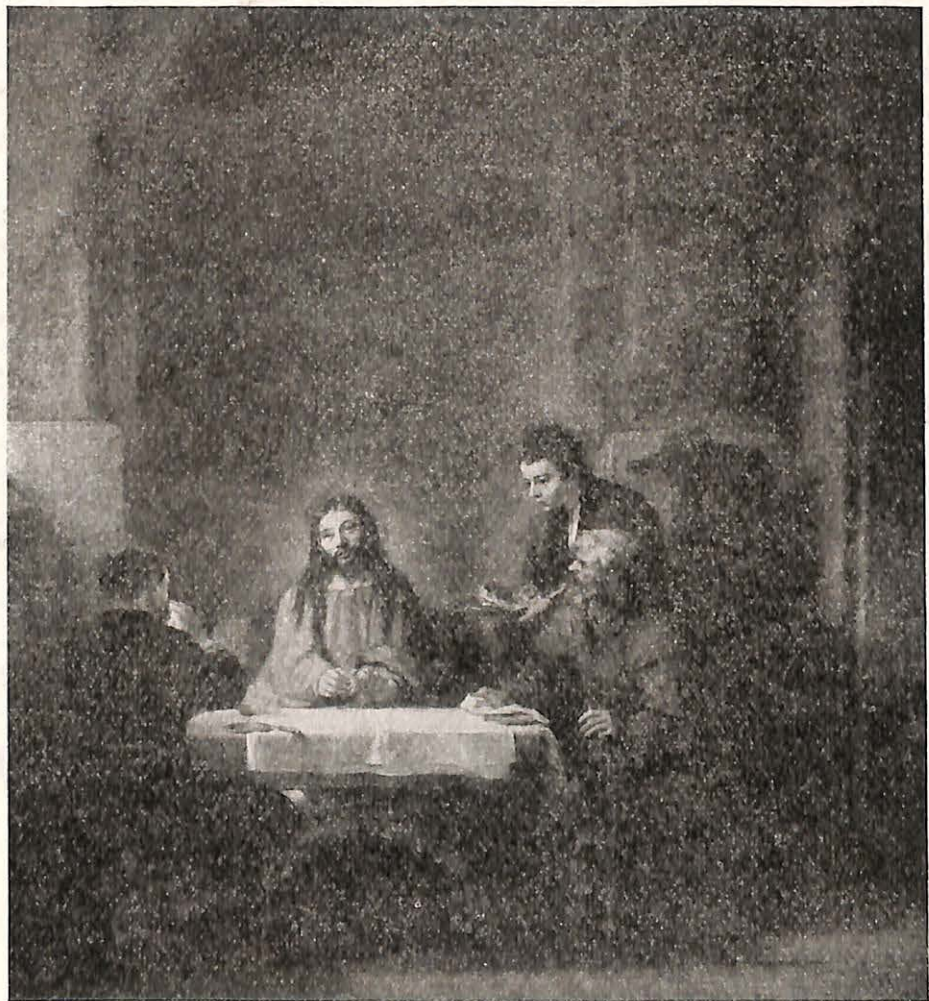


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"And it came to pass as He sat at meat with them, He took bread and blessed it, and brake and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight."

Luke 24:30-31.



* Courtesy of the Chicago Art Institute

Christ at Emmaus
By Rembrandt

What's Happening

The Rev. William H. Schobert, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, baptized 7 persons on a Sunday in September. The Vacation Bible School was largely responsible for these additions to the church.

The Rev. F. L. Strobel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., has resigned his charge and on Nov. 1st assumed his new charge as minister of the Baptist Church of West Frankfort, Ill. This latter church is affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention.

A number of fine pictures were taken of groups attending the Central Conference in Gladwin, Mich., from Sept. 1 to 6 by Mr. Arthur Edgar Thom. The pictures may be secured from Mr. Thom free of charge by sending a self-addressed and stamped envelope to him at 910 Chrisholm St., Alpena, Michigan.

The encouraging news has recently reached the editorial office of "The Baptist Herald" that the German Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dak., under the efficient leadership of its pastor, the Rev. T. W. Bender, had doubled its subscribers to "The Baptist Herald" in response to special appeals made on a recent Sunday. Twelve new subscriptions for 1936-37 were secured.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 6, the Rev. H. G. Ekrut, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Cottonwood, Texas, had the privilege of baptizing 7 young people on confession of their faith in Christ, who had been converted earlier as a result of evangelistic services and the personal work of the Reverend H. G. Ekrut and C. C. Gossen of Crawford. The hand of fellowship into the church was extended to these young people on the following Sunday.

Mr. Fred Schilling, a 1936 graduate of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has accepted the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., and will begin his ministry on the field with Nov. 15, immediately after the departure of the Rev. John Wobig for St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Schilling, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Schilling of Gladwin, Mich., and his wife were recently given a farewell reception by the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., of which they have been members.

Professor F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., has been supplying the pulpit of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., during the past few months. On Sunday evening, Oct. 18, the young people's society participated in the church service, occupying the front pews of the church. Professor Meyer spoke on "Present Day Conditions in Ger-

many." The Young People's Class of the Church School is now being taught by Mr. Paul McCandless, a student at the Western Theological Seminary of Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Fred Trautner, pastor of the German Baptist Churches in Hettinger, No. Dak., and Bison, So. Dak., has recently conducted evangelistic services in Java, So. Dak., and Havelock, No. Dak.,

"CHRIST AT EMMAUS"

The original painting of Rembrandt's "Christ at Emmaus," or as it is also known, "Supper at Emmaus," is in the Louvre of Paris and is valued at \$750,000. It was on exhibit in Chicago at the Art Institute for several weeks earlier in the year, when more than a hundred thousand people saw this world famous religious masterpiece of art.

It was painted by Rembrandt van Rijn in 1642 at the close of the Thirty Years' War and has been regarded as the artist's "thankoffering on the altar of peace." The painting depicts the familiar scene in the gospel according to Luke when Christ, having met two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus after his resurrection, was not recognized by them and invited to share a meal with them, whereupon he revealed his identity as he returned thanks for and blessed the bread.

The painting has been acclaimed as one of the most marvelous pictures of all time, because of the rendering of light about the face of Jesus and its reflection on the tablecloth and the faces of the other figures. "Here the golden light is incomparable! It is most subtly and graciously diffused. Here we have in Christ a countenance pale and tender, meek and lovely of head, adorned only with holiness and a glorified life."

where the meetings were attended by large crowds of people. Mr. Trautner is rendering a splendid pioneer ministry in these outlying communities. The Sunday School Association of Western North Dakota and Montana was held in Bison, So. Dak., from Oct. 2 to 4. One person was converted as a result of the association sessions.

In connection with the bazaar held at the Home for the Aged in Chicago on Thursday, Oct. 15, the drama, "Ordered South," was presented in the evening at the Humboldt Park Church by a group of the B. Y. P. U. of the Oak Park Church. The large young people's choir

sang several selections preceding the play, in which the following took part: Gerhard Koch, Walter Baumgart, Alwin Giegler, Marie Ziesemer, Jean Anderson and Robert Krieger. Mr. Harold Johns, president of the society, extended a welcome to the audience and Mr. Roy Anderson, Jugendbund president, was in charge of the program.

Miss Caroline Krueger of St. Paul, Minn., and the Rev. John J. Johnston, pastor of the Southern Baptist Church of Young, Arizona, were married on Thursday evening, Oct. 8, in the First Southern Baptist Church of Phoenix, Arizona, with the Rev. Vaughn Rock of Phoenix officiating. Miss Lulu Krueger, sister of the bride, and Mr. Ellsworth Jansen of Prescott, Arizona, were the attendants. The bride's mother, Mrs. F. C. Krueger of Kankakee, Ill., was also present. The women of the Phoenix church gave the couple a surprise shower after the ceremony. The former Miss Krueger was exceedingly active in the activities and programs of the Minnesota Y. P. and S. S. W. Union and other young people's groups.

A recent evening was the occasion for much activity in the Second German Baptist Church of George, Iowa. The Ladies' Aid Society met in one of the larger class rooms where they did some "hospital work" by repairing the hymn books of the church. In an adjoining room the members of the church choir had gathered to honor Mr. Arthur De Neui, one of the young men who has since gone to the Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., to prepare for the ministry. Miss Julia Oltmann, choir director, expressed the appreciation of the choir to Mr. De Neui for his faithful and willing service. The Rev. O. W. Brenner, pastor of the church, also spoke briefly. Afterwards Mr. De Neui was feted by the Senior B. Y. P. U. group, of which he was president, at a social held in the basement of the church.

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ANYONE can be thankful for golden harvests and great riches and glorious prosperity. There is nothing difficult nor unique about returning

The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving

thanks for such things as these. The greatest joys of Thanksgiving Day are reserved for those who perpetuate the memory of our Pilgrim forefathers by being thankful to God amidst conditions of drought and crop failures, by rejoicing with praise to God in the face of an ominous future and overwhelming obstacles.

Such was the Pilgrims' first thanksgiving. That story has been largely forgotten by succeeding generations. The year 1622 was filled with misfortune for the Pilgrims. The ship, "Fortune," did not bring the expected supplies and provisions, leaving only a number of colonists instead. The harvest of the fall did not yield so well as that of the year before. The winter months were long and severe with many colonists succumbing to the cold. Those who survived finished their planting in April of the year, 1623, hoping that with the harvesting of the crop their hardships would be over. But a severe drought began in May which lasted until the end of July, withering and almost destroying the growing crop. Benjamin Franklin, the historian, records that in this time of hopeless discouragement the proposal was made for a day of public fast and prayer. But one of their number said that too long had they besieged heaven with their complaints and that they should substitute a day of thanksgiving in its place. In the word of Dr. Arthur S. Phelps "it is somewhat startling to read that the Pilgrims escaped their suffering towards the close of the summer of 1623 by appointing a day of thanksgiving and prayer."

Such thanksgiving to God which like the enchanting flowers of the desert grows out of the sands of adversity is beautiful to behold. It directs the focus of attention upon the inner values of life and the unseen spiritual riches of God

rather than upon the material things with which we are blessed in life. It keeps one humble in life, recognizing one's constant dependence on God, "the giver of every good and perfect gift." Even the rich man of Jesus' parable was thankful for his barns filled with the record-breaking harvest of his fields, but he was a fool in his gratitude because it wasn't directed toward God and the abundant development of his soul.

The spirit of the Pilgrims' first thanksgiving, which found reasons for gratitude in the face of continued drought and hard times, is truly Christian because it is all-inclusive. It is a symphony of praise in which all—rich and poor, the strong and the sick, the high and lowly of estate, the talented and handicapped in life—can have a share. The invalid on his bed of suffering, the farmer facing successive years of crop failures, the young person without employment, the men or women without friends, or the prisoner in his cell are all individuals to whom God wants to reveal the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus and to touch their lives with the beauty of his spirit.

That spontaneous outburst of gratitude to God, even though one's heart is almost breaking in sorrow and despair because of material losses and outward circumstances, is able "to trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain." It opens one's eyes to a divine vision of life. It challenges one to build his Kingdom on earth. It strengthens one in the battle against unrighteousness. It intensifies one's faith in the reality of God's promises. Because of their thanksgiving to the divine Creator amidst the drought of 1623, the Pilgrims became the builders of a nation and the fathers of a heritage abundantly blessed of God. For our forefathers centuries ago as well as for us thanksgiving to God must always lead to the doing of his will and the keeping of his commandments.

The radiance of the first thanksgiving festival of the Pilgrims ought to shine brightly in America of 1936!

A Thanksgiving Challenge

This Thanksgiving message written by one of the professors of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., who is widely known to young and old alike in our denomination, is a thought provoking discussion of critical issues which will lead the reader into a penitent and prayerful mood as a prelude to an expression of thanksgiving.

By the REV. HELMUT DYMMEL

"I will give you two thousand horses, if you can put as many riders on their backs." 2 Kings 18:23. (Moffatt's Translation.)

THIS wager is catapulted at us twenty-six hundred years after it was spoken with crushing impact. Boulder Dam alone unleashes almost two million horse-powers. The rivers of the United States represent more than four million horses, and the winds that sweep across the country symbolize an even greater power. We have discovered that one gram of iron contains the energy equal to fifty tons of dynamite, and a gram of radium through twenty thousand years radiates power, the aggregate of which is capable of lifting a dreadnought or the Woolworth building a hundred feet into the air. Indeed, the smallest visible particle of matter consists of quadrillions of regions of electric energy. Add to these the power of our national wealth of three hundred and seventy-five billion dollars and the influence of the movies, the press, and the radio, and you have Sennacherib's staggering challenge multiplied beyond man's most insolent dream.

Available Power and Abundant

Though such prospects offer much cause for thanksgiving, we must ask ourselves the question, Can we provide riders for these myriads of horses? Hezekiah could not do it, and we presumably do not need to provide them. The writer has more power in his feet upon the automobile accelerator than eighty horses in their three hundred and twenty hoofs. If you visit Niagara Falls, you may see a man driving a team of five hundred thousand horses with the greatest of ease, for it is the switchroom of the

Niagara power house. Again, is is the switchboard brain controlled by a handful of men which gives the engineers in charge of the Holland Tunnel from New Jersey to New York arbitrary power over its atmospheric conditions and thus over fifteen million automobiles a year.

Scientists, furthermore, vouch that the horsepower necessary to cultivate all the soil of the United States can be controlled by no more than four thousand men, that eight hundred men could produce all the steel we require, and one hundred men all the bricks we need. For the first time in the history of mankind we create abundance at will, so that milk is poured into rivers, grain is used for fuel, and fruit is tossed into the ocean. No longer do we work for the necessities of life but for its luxuries. That ought to be another reason for thanksgiving.

Poverty in the Midst of Plenty

But, unfortunately, it is not the whole truth. There is a fly in the ointment. Look at the other side of the ledger—recurring depressions with twelve million unemployed in the last one, far above a million vehicles involved in accidents each year, and one hundred thousand fatal accidents annually in homes, on the high ways and in industry. "The Times-Union" of Rochester, N. Y., pauses to consider these facts. "There is something terribly wrong in an area of American life which has nothing to do with political corruption, organized crime, poverty in the midst of plenty, the farm problem or any of the other obvious maladjustments in our social system. We refer to the fact that nervous and mental disorders are on the increase in the



"I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree....
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray."

United States, and that today as many beds are provided in hospitals for mental cases as are provided for all other kinds of sickness put together. Who are these broken people? The majority of them are ordinary people with ordinary resources who have been broken on the wheel of our modern highspeed civilization. They have been thrown into the discard at the very time when their talents should be taking the best tricks in the game of life. Crowding close upon this army of the mentally unfit is another group who, while still in command of their nerves, are living on the brink of distraction. They live at high tension. They are victims of decidedly new exhaustions of society, such as bright lights, incessant swift motion, the whirl and menace of machines, the din of cities and the almost impossible conditions of repose. Certainly no generation was ever called upon to work under such pressure, no generation ever had such small help in mastering sudden and overwhelming nervous and mental strain." Does man delude himself into thinking that he can ride these horses? The reverse is probably true. Frankenstein's horses ride the man!

A Century of Moral Chaos

What about the moral situation? When "the Century of Progress" was opened in Chicago, "the Democrat and Chronicle" of Rochester, N. Y., epitomized the century of moral progress as follows: "From the old oaken bucket to the confectionary parlor beer; from the magic lantern to the crime picture; from the family Bible to the tabloid newspapers; from 'I can't do that; it isn't ethical' to 'Aw, get your lawyer to fix it, so we can get away with it'; from three petticoats, whalebone corsets and high button shoes to the nudity cults; from the barn lantern to Samuel Insull; from the Little Red Schoolhouse to 'Flaming Love—Children's Matinee Today'; from Harriet Beecher Stowe to Mae West; from Little Eva to Texas Guinan; and from 'My word is as good as my bond,' to 'Try and get it.'" That is, the concomitants of great power are invariably superficiality, vulgarity and loose morals. And the results? The wild horses not only stampede roughshod over our bodies, but they also invade the holiest of holies and snuff out the soul's most precious affections.

But the end is not in sight. The Juggernaut rolls on. If people do these things in the green trees of life's sacred relationships, what will they do in the dry tinderbox of international relations? Think of the power of a Jingoish press with seventy-five million readers daily, of the movies with a hundred and fifteen million devotees each week, of the radio with its one hundred and twenty million listeners! "When a war has started," asks Henry Guggenheim, American expert on aeronautics, "will a war-mad leader hesitate to shower a community with the newly devised incendiary bombs that burn through steel and are unquenchable by water and that cause excruciat-

ing pain before death when a particle touches a human being?" In a war men will only need to blast a few dams and bridges, dynamite a few power houses and switchboards, and the alternative to a high speed civilization will not be silly savagery but death!

The Christian's Answer to Life's Problems

What is the matter with mankind? The answer is that so far it has not been able to provide qualified riders, nor does it have a beneficent command over its unspeakable powers. As a boy I often noticed in my home town peasants coming and going on market day. Having sold their eggs and cheese, they entered a saloon and had their fill. Then they staggered into their rickety wagons, whipped their horses into motion and fell back asleep. But their faithful beasts brought them home safely. But can you fancy a drunken peasant behind the steering wheel of a car in 1937? Of course, he would arrive too, but only at the home eternal!

Indeed, men are like the latest model of a limousine—exquisitely appointed, equipped with a high-powered, smoothly running engine and a big double horn, hooting God out of his universe and blowing brazenly about themselves, but without brakes and a steering wheel. Obedience by streamlining away their capricious fury as well as their common sense. However, he has thrown the common sense into the discard, while with the former, the fury of caprice, he has become dead drunk and is now to all appearances heading for the final smash-up.

What can we do about it? The sad intellectual says, "The best we can achieve is pathos, and the most we can do is to feel sorry for ourselves." The blase cynic seconds the motion, "Let's turn out the light and go to bed." But the Christian turns, like Hezekiah, to the eternal God and affirms anew, "In none other is there salvation; for neither is there any other name under heaven that is given among men, wherein we must be saved."

In view of that what is our Christian duty? At evening prayer a little boy asked his father what prayer meant. So father compared it to a long distance call. "I see," reasoned the boy, "we pray at night to get reduced rates." A good share of our religion suggests such design. It is sedulously indulged in to get reduced rates of labor and sacrifice. The result, however, is also a reduced rate of blessings and an increased rate of failures. But Christians hear their Savior say, "My father worketh even until now, and I work."

Giving Thanks in a Living Sacrifice

On Thanksgiving Day we shall thank God for health and intelligence, for success and friendships, for the many great and small surprises and for an ever widening horizon. But let us emphasize the English designation of the day in preference to the German which only means "to say thanks." Let it be "to give thanks!" What are you willing to give in gratitude?

Young People's and Sunday School Workshop Page

THE NEW UNIFORM LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM OF OUR DENOMINATION

By the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Secretary of the German Baptist Y. P. and S. S. W. Union

The need of trained Sunday School teachers is everywhere evident. Our times with their increased problems demand well equipped teachers and leaders. We cannot expect public school teachers to be well prepared for their task and at the same time be content with the hit-and-miss fashion of selecting Sunday School teachers which has been customary in some localities. Young people of our churches who are prospective teachers and workers should be thoroughly trained in a knowledge of the Bible, the art of teaching, the missionary program of the church and the like by attendance at leadership training courses led by the pastor or leaders.

The National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of our denomination has promoted such schools to some extent by recommending the available curricula. But it was deemed advisable to unify our efforts in such training by organizing our own curriculum, composed of the best available textbooks in English and German, and giving our own credit cards and diplomas for the work completed. This new program will facilitate our promotion of such training schools in our churches and at the summer conferences and institutes so that every young person can share frequently in the benefits of this study.

Sixty of the best available classes and the accompanying textbooks are announced on this page. Any pastor may add a course to this list for which he has selected a textbook or prepared the material, if he will notify the young people's secretary. All of the suggested textbooks can be ordered through the German Baptist Publication Society, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Ten periods of forty minutes each must be expended in the completion of a single course. An examination should be held at the close of every course for which the teacher will be held accountable for the grades which are given. The names of those who have completed the course are to be sent to Mr. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., and the credit cards will be sent immediately. The completion of any 5 courses will entitle the person to receive a certificate by the denomination. An attractive diploma will be granted to those who have completed 12 courses, 2 of which must have been selected from each of the first five groups.

Many of the young people's summer assemblies and institutes will probably want to incorporate some of these courses for credit in their summer programs. Further helpful suggestions will be gladly sent to those individuals or groups requesting such. Our motto is "A Training School in Every Church and Conference for All our Young People."

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(S denotes a course of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, E one of the Evangelical Teacher Training Courses and N one of the Northern Baptist Leadership Curriculum.)

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CONTRIBUTOR'S PAGE

Thank You, God!

By MRS. WILLIAM SCHINDLER
of Detroit, Michigan

For the harvest of ripe grain,
For the bountiful fruit of the tree,
For thy love and forgiveness, Lord,
We bring our thanks to thee.

For thy guidance of the past,
For thy nearness that's so real,
For thy promises to come,
Lord, it's only thanks we feel.

For souls that in thee found
Forgiveness full and free,
For these our hearts are full
Of thanksgiving praise to thee.

Peace in Storm

By MISS ETHEL L. RENNISON
of Elgin, Iowa

Why should I fear, O Lord, when I am
dear

To thee; when in the thunder's crash
As well as in the lightning's flash
I feel thee near!

Thou cuppest over me thy hand divine
And though the storm may rage with-
out,

Thy peace doth compass me about,
For I am thine!

God's In Every Breath We Take

By MR. A. T. BETTIE
of Chicago, Illinois

Think of God as in the air,
Let that thought be always there;
Air surrounds us all our day,
Just like he, is here to stay;
Mortals need it for life's sake,
God's in every breath we take.

Our lives stand for all that's good,
When we believe this as we should;
As our happiness we seek,
We'll be careful how we speak;
And our lives we'll worthy make,
God's in every breath we take.

There can be no words of hate,
When the breath, we do not rate,
Comes to us from day to day,
Always there in his own way;
We should know he'll not forsake,
God's in every breath we take.

How can there be any strife,
When we have that breath of life?
It brings heaven here on earth,
Makes our living so well worth;
He will be with them that spake,
God's in every breath we take.

When the shadows come at last,
And we look upon the past,
When we feel that we shall meet
God upon his heavenly seat,
Then we'll gladly our lives stake,
God's in every breath we take.

God Gave Us

By MRS. JOY KING GANNET
of Newark, New Jersey

God gave us our lips and our voices to
pray;
God gave us our hearts there the soul to
stay;
God gave us our minds to know right
from wrong;
God gave us the Bible as our text and
our song.

To God in return lift our voices in
prayer;
To God in return our hearts we will
bare;
To God in return we will follow the
right;
To God, to Jesus, our guiding light.

Garden of Gethsemane

By MISS DELLA JUNG
of Madison, South Dakota

(Written for the Vacation Bible School
by a girl 12 years of age.)

Gethsemane is the name of the place
Where Jesus went to pray;
He left his disciples to watch and wait
While he went farther way.

When Jesus came back to where they
lay,
He found a sorrowful sight;
All his disciples were sleeping
Instead of praying that night.

Three times he found them sleeping
While he was praying for grace.
Because of that lonely hour,
Some day we may see his face.

Slum Soliloquy

By MISS MELBA RUNTZ
of Peoria, Illinois

The days are dark, and dull, and dim,
The nights are furies wandering
Into my brain.
I sit here in my filth-packed room;
I hear the thunder's angry boom,
And then the—rain.

The sleep that comes is not repose;
It's hell on earth, but no one knows
Who has felt the aching bones,
Nor heard the baby's wailing moans,
Who has not felt the stinging rain
Come through the broken window pane.

You rich men high upon the hill,
What do you know of cold and chill?
Your house is warm;
You have your friends and company;
I have no one to care for me,
I am forlorn.

Oh, God, if you could make them see
The horrors they have brought to me!
Mercy, thou Friend of suffering,
Help make my sorrowing spirit sing,
Help me to look anew to heaven
From whence thy help to me is given.

Summum Bonum

By MISS ETHEL L. RENNISON
of Elgin, Iowa

(The following poem was inspired by
a sermon preached in the Elgin Church
by the Rev. Paul Zoschke. Editor.)

Life's greatest quest is the seeking
Jesus, our Savior, of thee;
Life's greatest question the asking
"Where is salvation for me?"

Life's greatest loss is refusing
His will to obey and believe;
Life's greatest gain is the choosing
Eternal life to receive.

And, ruling over one's spirit,
Overcoming evil within
By yielding control to our Captain,
Is life's greatest conquest to win.

Comparison

By the REV. MILTON R. SCHROEDER
of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

When I behold the wonders of the sky,
The unknown worlds, and brilliant stars
that glow,

The snow-capped mountain peaks that
tower high,
The mighty seas that surge and streams
that flow,—

And when I brave the elements—the
rain,
The winds and storms that spread to
every land,
I needs must realize just once again
That all God's works are hard to under-
stand.

Compared to all those monuments of
might,
That mite of life that represents a man
Is but a pebble in a boundless sea
Which rolls and surges day and night,—
To bridge that gulf it would demand a
span
Unbroken till it reached Eternity!

Choice Nuggets of Truth

Selected by the REV. FRED TRAUTNER
of Hettinger, North Dakota

Fiery trials make golden Christians.
God looks where man looks least—at
the heart.

The reward for service is more service.
Hem your blessings with praise, lest
they unravel.

Your blessings will not be a blessing
until you are a blessing.

If you cannot help, don't hinder.
If sin were not deceitful, it would
never be delightful.

A sick man, helped by you, shall make
you strong.

Do good with your money, or it will do
you no good.

Putting off till tomorrow will lead us
to sorrow.

In the home order is its beauty, con-
tentment is its blessing, hospitality is its
glory, godliness is its crown.

Dare to do right and walk in the light.

BEAUTY *for* ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

Gloria had tried to explain her faith in Christ to her friend, Nancy Asher, a member of the social set to which she had formerly belonged before she had met Murray MacRae, to whom she was now engaged.

CONCLUDING CHAPTER

Nancy Asher stared at her bitterly. "Do you mean to tell me you've gone religious on us? Got a God-complex? My soul! How did you get that way?" "I have been studying the Bible, Nancy," answered Gloria, "and I've been finding out God's secrets. I've been learning that this life down here on earth is only a little part of the wonderful whole. It doesn't matter so much about what kind of house I have here, there's a mansion preparing for me in heaven. I've learned too that it is sweeter to let God have His way in your heart than to have your own way!"

Nancy stared again. "No, I don't understand you at all," "It's sounds batty to me. You're out of my class! I think I'll go home!" and she marched out of the room and stalked sadly away.

But she came again several times, and though she asked no more questions she watched Gloria's sweet serenity and sighed.

The letters that came from Maine or New York, as the case might be, were great sources of comfort to the two girls now, and the not infrequent telephone calls that brought beloved voices near.

And then one morning the fever was gone, and their father, though mortally weak, opened his eyes and smiled at Gloria when she slipped in to look at him. He said afterwards that he felt it was Gloria's smile and the look of peace in her eyes as much as anything else that brought him back to earth again and made it seem possible for him to live and go on.

Slowly he crept back to a semblance of strength again, and one day when Gloria and Vanna had come in with some late roses from the garden, to bid him good morning he made them sit down and began to ask questions.

"You're not to talk about business yet," said Vanna smiling but firm. "The doctor positively forbids it."

"All right," he said pleasantly, "but there's something I've got to say. I know that everything is lost. That won't be any news to me. That's what put me on this bed of course, though I hoped I'd pull through somehow and be able to stand by when the crash came.

I know it must have come now. I've seen the shadow of it in your eyes sometimes, and it was written all over your poor mother's face when she came in to see me yesterday, but I just want you to know this. You two girls are provided for, whatever else goes. Gloria has her house of course in her own name. I saw to that when it was built, and it's all paid for too. It ought to bring a good price if she wants to sell it. Also there's the same amount of money put away safely in trust for you, Vanna, when you want to marry, or build. It can't be touched. Then there's only the old farm at Afton left. They won't touch that. It isn't worth enough. We can live there of course, only it will be hard on your dear mother! But at least it will be a roof over our heads till I can do something! Unless of course Gloria wants us all to live in her house."

"Oh, no, father dear!" said Gloria with a shiver. "Never! I'll tell you what I will do with my house, sell it and give you the money. I couldn't keep a cent while you were in debt."

"Nor I," said Vanna quickly. "It all goes back to you, for debts or living or whatever you say. And we'll make mother love Afton. We love it, father dear, and she must learn to. She will, you'll see. We'll go up there and have a grand time! And now you're not to say another word about business today!"

"You precious children!" smiled the father. "Well, we'll see about it when I get up. It's wonderful of you to take things this way!"

During the days that followed both the girls had sweet converse with their father, and because of the intimate talks they had had on their trip to Afton Gloria found she could speak more and more freely to him about her experiences after he left her, shyly telling him of the preacher who came to his old church and gave such a thrilling gospel that she had taken to studying the Bible.

He listened to her thoughtfully always, and let her bring her Bible and read it when she suggested that. He even asked her questions about what she had learned, until there came to be a lovely fellowship between them, an understanding of the change in her life.

And one morning when there was no chance of anybody coming to interrupt, she told him that she had found a young man with standards such as he approved, and that they loved each other.

"Do you think it is wrong, Daddy," she said shyly, "for me to love someone so soon after Stan's death?"

"Certainly not!" said her father heartily. "I'd be glad for you to be happy. There is no virtue in mourning, especially after a man who was never meant to be your mate. But who is this young man? I'd like to meet him before I pass judgment. I don't intend to have you make two mistakes of the same sort. I'll have to look him over before I'll give my consent. You're too precious! What's his name?"

"His name is Murray MacRae," said Gloria, her cheeks in a lovely glow of color, "and he's the man who taught me to read the Bible!"

"Oh!" said her father with a look of relief. "But, MacRae! I wonder— There was a Lawrence MacRae! A most unusual young man. They lived across the road—!"

"Murray is Lawrence's younger brother," said Gloria, "and from what he tells me of Lawrence I think he is a good deal like him."

"I want to see him!" said the father. "I can't be easy until I see him! Has mother seen him? Does she know?"

"No," said Gloria, "I wanted you to know first. I suppose mother will object. He isn't exactly what you would call rich, though he's got a good business position."

"Poor mother!" said the sick man. "I'm afraid life has been rather disappointing for her!"

"I'd like to know why?" said Vanna coming softly in. "Mother's had you all these years, and this gorgeous house for a long time, and everything she's wanted. It will be hard for her to stop having it, of course, but life is that way, and she must know it."

"Well, I'd like not to have disappointed her," said the man drawing a deep sigh, "but maybe we can weather it back again somehow if things brighten up."

"I've just been telling dad about Murray," Gloria spoke to her sister, hoping to turn her father's attention and take that hurt look out of his eyes.

"Oh, have you? And shall I tell about my man, too? Dad, I'm going to marry a farmer! Will you like that? He's a peach. You can't help liking him."

"You, too, little Vanna!" said her father turning loving eyes to his other daughter. "Why, I hadn't realized you were grown up yet. And you think you can be a farmer's wife? You think you have any idea what that means? Your grandmother—!"

"Yes, I know about my grandmother, and I'm going to try to be just like her. So is Glory. We've learned to cook, dad. We can make Johnny cake and hash and

apple pie, and on a pinch we can help in the fields. We've planted corn!"

Their father grinned.

"And you think that constitutes a farmer's wife? Well, you're all right, but first show me the man. He's got to be all right or he can't have you."

"He's Robert Carroll," said Vanna proudly. "He belongs to the old Carroll family, Charles Carroll of Carrollton was one of his ancestors."

"That sounds good," said the father, "but I repeat, I'd like to see the young man before I give my decision. The young men, I should say," he added, smiling at Vanna. "I have all respect for your selections of course, but I'm not trusting too much to your judgment. This time I'm going to see for myself."

So two voices lifted over the telephone to two happy young men, summoning them to inspection, and that night they started, driving down in Murray's new car, and stopping on the way in New York for a bit of business.

Two days later they were admitted to audience in the sick room where Mr. Sutherland waited anxiously to greet them. After a few minutes Gloria and Vanna slipped out of the room and left them together.

A little while later, as the girls hovered about the halls, too excited to sit still, awaiting a summons from their father, they saw their mother come out of her room dressed impressively in black satin.

Mrs. Sutherland had been told of the arrival of the two young men, although nobody had as yet dared to tell her that one of them belonged to Gloria. Twice before when they had come, being described as the two neighbors who had driven them home the first time, she had declined to see them, and she had made no remark that day when Vanna had informed her that her fiancé was coming. But here she was dressed up and obviously heading toward their father's door.

Precipitately they scuttled ahead of her and opened the door before she should get there, having a vague idea of thus preventing trouble.

"Had we better get them down to the library before she comes?" whispered Vanna with her hand on the door knob, looking back to be sure her mother was coming. "It may be hard on dad."

"No, just let's leave it to work out," said Gloria serenely.

"That sounds like Murray," murmured Vanna as she swung the door quietly open and stepped inside, noticing with another backward look that her mother had paused in the hall to adjust her collar.

"Well, I like them both!" announced the father as Vanna closed the door carefully. "I can't tell which I like the most! I'm just wondering if you girls are good enough, that's all! I never hoped to find such sensible sons-in-law in this wicked world." There was a broad smile on his face and a happy light in his eyes, and it was just at this in-

stant that Mrs. Sutherland chose to open the door noiselessly and sweep in.

The girls were so happy over their father's whole-hearted approval that they had for the instant forgotten her approach, and they stood startled for an instant, scarcely knowing what to do.

It was Murray who filled in the silence by stepping forward to Gloria's side and saying:

"And this is your mother, isn't it, Gloria? I have wanted so much to know her!"

Mrs. Sutherland turned an astonished look at the good looking young man, and forgot to impress him with her jeweled lorgnette as she had planned. She suddenly became all graciousness, spoke to each of them, looked from one to the other a moment and said: "Which is the one?"

"Both of us is the one, dear madam, if you please," said Murray, bowing low. "I belong to Gloria, and Robert here is Vanna's property!" He swept a twinkle at Gloria's frightened eyes. Hadn't she told him that her mother didn't know about her yet?

But beyond a catch of her breath the good lady was a sport. She never by so much as the flicker of an eyelash let it be known that this was news. Her husband was watching her and his eyes grew bright as they used to be in days long gone by, and he thought how handsome Adelaide still was. Maybe she wouldn't take it so hard after all.

There was a pleasant little stir getting them all seated and then Mrs. Sutherland, taking command, looked toward her husband.

"I asked the nurse if we might have tea up here with you," she said. "She said we might if we didn't stay too long. Does that suit you?"

"It certainly does," said the father heartily. "I feel more like myself than I have for months! These two new sons of mine are a great tonic, and it's so good to think we are getting these girls so nicely off our hands, isn't it mother?"

The two girls gasped, and then gazed at their lovers in a daze of happiness, and gazed at their mother in speechless astonishment.

"Didn't I tell you the Lord would work it all out?" whispered Gloria to her sister under cover of the talk.

"You're getting more like Murray every day," answered Vanna. "I hope I can be like Robert some day, but I doubt if I'll ever be good enough."

It was a happy time with nothing to mar it, and not one reference to lost fortunes. Mother was a thoroughbred when it came to a public appearance.

Afterward, when the boys had gone, promising to come down again in a week or so Mrs. Sutherland turned from the window where she had watched Murray's new car drive away, and said to the girls with a new kind of satisfaction in her tone:

"Well, for country people they certainly have good manners, and that is more than can be said of a great many

young people today!" and she opened a note they had brought her from Brandon and read it with a smile. The daughters perceived that mother was in process of a transformation of standards to suit the inevitable.

Brand's letter was characteristic:

Dear Mater:

Sorry I couldn't get down but I had to stick to the job while Bob is gone. It's great up here. We saw a bear the other day and I killed a snake. Hope you soon come. This beats Roseland all to smithereens. See you subse.

Yours,

Brand.

Mr. Sutherland got well quickly after that. Every morning saw marked improvement.

"It's my new sons-in-law," he said when the girls told him how well he looked, and his wife, standing in the doorway seconding the congratulations, smiled complacently. After all, she reflected, it wasn't every day you could get two such good looking young men for your daughters when you were in a depression and your money was all gone.

After that things moved rapidly. Men came to see Mr. Sutherland from the office, and he learned the worst, including the tragic death of his partner. That set him back but not for long. He was eager to get things wound up and adjusted. The attitude of both girls about their money, and also of the two young men who were to marry them, materially assisted in the final adjustments.

Gloria's house was snapped up by a young couple who were soon to marry and it brought a good sum. There were several bids for the big mansion, for there were a few who had envied afar, and still had money to spend.

The packing was not a lengthy matter. Mrs. Sutherland was at last made to understand that a house and its furnishings meant a house and its furnishings and not just a few old things left behind that one didn't care to take along. Only her own personal belongings she was to take. And she took the medicine bravely, even surrendering most of her jewels, keeping only those her husband had bought her when he first began to have money, which touched him very much when he discovered it.

"What made her do it?" he asked Vanna wondering when they were discussing it. "She didn't have to, you know. They were hers."

"Well, I think she's trying to go the whole length," said Vanna. "She wants everything to be in keeping. She was mourning because Glory and I wouldn't have a lot of jewels as she had, and I told her that it would not be good taste up in the country to wear jewels, and I think she saw. She always wants to be in harmony with her surroundings."

"If you ask me," said Gloria, having come in without their seeing her, "I

think mother is falling in love with dad all over again. and I think she wants to please him. She says the money from her jewels and laces is to live on up in the country."

For answer the father smiled a slow sweet smile, and a light came in his eyes that reminded the girls of the light in their own lovers' eyes.

A few days later, in the midst of the confusion which even the packing of a few personal possessions can make in a house, Mrs. Sutherland paused as her daughters entered the room, radiant as they always were nowadays.

"It's such a pity," she said, "if you two girls are really going to get married, that you can't do it before we leave this lovely house. It is so adapted to a wedding, and a double wedding especially. It would be something to remember. We could have movies taken of it, and there's the lily pool and the outdoor garden—it would be so lovely!"

"But, mother, we couldn't afford to have movies taken, and we haven't any money for a wedding such as there would have to be in this house. You know that!"

"Of course! I forgot!" sighed the parent tearfully. "But I don't see how you're going to get together a trousseau up there in the country. You'd have to keep running down to New York continually, and that would be expensive. The wedding dress and all. Of course Gloria wouldn't want to use the same wedding dress even if I hadn't sold it."

"But, mother, we're not going to have a trousseau," said Vanna quickly, with a troubled glance toward her sister, "and we aren't going to buy any wedding dresses. We couldn't, we haven't the money!"

The mother drew a long breath and managed a watery smile in one corner of her mouth.

"It's Gloria I feel so for," she sighed, "leaving that wonderful house. It's really a miniature mansion, and built just as she had planned. And you too, Vanna, this mansion that father and I had hoped would always be in the family!"

"I don't mind a bit, mother," lilted Gloria, "I like a farm house just as well. Wait till you see father's house in Afton. And besides, you know, I'm having another mansion built for me that I'll live in sometime!"

"What do you mean, Gloria, is Murray planning to build?"

"Not Murray, mother, we'll live in apartments when we're in New York and across the road when we're up in Afton. I'm speaking of my Father's house! Our Father's house!" and she quoted reverently:

"In my Father's house are many mansions! If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you! And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

(The End)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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The 11th annual banquet of the Men's Baraca Class of the church in Oak Park, Ill., was held on Friday evening, Oct. 9, with about 125 men and their wives in attendance. Mr. William Maxant, president, served as the toastmaster of the evening's festivities. After a program of songs and magician's tricks, Dr. Robert T. Ketchum of Gary, Indiana, spoke on "God's Complete Remedy for Man's Complete Ruin." The newly elected officers of the class are William Maxant, president; Ray Mihm, vice-president, Roland Ross, secretary; and Ed Maxant, treasurer. The Rev. C. Nordland of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago is now serving as teacher of the class.

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Rally Day was held in the German Baptist Church of Oak Park, Ill., on Sunday, Oct. 4, with the fine attendance of 337 children and adults. The promotion exercises of the departments were held. On the same Sunday a new feature was introduced into the morning program of the church with a half hour English service preceding the regular German service, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons. On Sunday, Sept. 27, a group of children and young people from the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., presented the dramatization, "Life in the Home," to the Oak Park Sunday School. Mr. Walter Grosser is the aggressive superintendent of the school.

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An unusually fine Christmas cantata pageant for the choir and Sunday School for which Professor Herman von Berge has written the libretto text has recently been published by Lorenz Publishing Company and sells for 35 cents. The music was composed by Dr. E. S. Lorenz of the publishing house. It is composed in 3 parts, including "Introduction," "Christmas in Bethlehem" and "Christmas of Radio." A new Christmas drama entitled, "The Guiding Star," (30 cents), and a pageant, "When the Light Shone," (30 cents), have also been just announced. Anyone who is interested in this material may write to the Lorenz Publishing Company, 501 E. Third St., Dayton, Ohio.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shellhouse of Peoria, Ill., students at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, are engaged in practical work by teaching in the Intermediate and Primary departments of the Sunday School in Aiken Institute which is a Baptist mission in Chicago, serving 26 nationalities in that section of the city. They are members of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria. Mr. Roy Wiegand, also a member of the Peoria Church, is another student at the Northern Baptist Seminary who is doing practical work in the Bethany Baptist Church and is composition editor of "The Northern Star," the student publication of the seminary.

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On Sunday evening, Oct. 11, the Second German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., held an impressive recognition service honoring the teachers and officers of its Sunday School. Dr. Kumble and Dr. Russell addressed the large congregation. The annual banquet of the Men's Crusader Class was held on Saturday evening, Oct. 17, with about 30 men present. The Rev. Gordon Larson of Staten Island was the special speaker. The Rev. Herman Bothner, a member of the church, brought the sermon, "Rebuilding Lives," on Sunday evening, Oct. 18. The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt is the pastor of the church.

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The First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., observed its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 25, with many friends from the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles and the Bethel Church of Anaheim also in attendance. The Rev. Wm. Kuhn, the general missionary secretary, addressed the large congregation in the morning and afternoon. At the afternoon service the Rev. Max Leuschner, a former pastor who led the church in building its present edifice, also spoke and a historical account of the church's history was presented. The Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke was in charge of the festivities which were brought to a close at "the Church Night" on Monday evening, October 26.

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The 25th anniversary of Mr. H. P. Donner as the business manager of our Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, was observed on Tuesday, October 27, with memorable gala festivities. After the members of the publication committee had held their annual session during the day, a banquet was held in the White Avenue Church attended by Mr. Donner and his family, the personnel of the Publication House, the members of the publication committee and invited guests. The Rev. Samuel Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," was in charge of the fine program at the banquet tables consisting of brief tributes of esteem and honor and the presentation of a gift by the personnel of the Publication House to Mr. Donner. At the evening service in the church auditorium the Rev. G. H. Schneck of Passaic, N. J., chairman of the publication committee, spoke on "Mr. H. P. Donner and Our Publication Society." He was followed by the Rev. E. Umbach of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Rev. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, who spoke on the respective themes, "Mr. H. P. Donner's Service to Our Denomination" and "Mr. H. P. Donner, the Man and the Christian." Two large bouquets of gorgeous California chrysanthemums were presented to Mr. Donner by the publication committee. Mr. Donner responded beautifully with warm personal gratitude for the expressions of love and esteem and with a testimony of wholehearted praise to God for his guidance and blessings. A more detailed report of this inspiring service honoring Mr. Donner will appear in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald."

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Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Tuesday, November 17

Meeting the Brethren

"Whom, when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage." Acts 28:15.

Read Acts 28:11-15

It is, indeed, heartening to meet friends and brethren, after a period of separation. How much we need one another! The desire for fellowship and companionship is inborn. No one liveth unto himself. Blessed, indeed, is the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love!

Prayer: "We thank thee, dear Lord, for the grace and joy of Christian fellowship. In seeing the brethren we take courage."

Wednesday, November 18

The Delusion of Sin

"The way of transgressors is hard." Proverbs 13:15.

Read Proverbs 13:13-21

The allurements of sin give to life, especially in youth, a seeming charm. But when the bright paint wears off, there is naught but the ugliest black. Sweet to the tongue, it burns in the bowels like fire. Sin is a great delusion. It makes fools of its willing victims. Yes, hard indeed is the road of transgressors!

Prayers: "O gracious Lord, make us strong against the wiles and seductions of sin through the power of thy sanctifying Spirit."

Thursday, November 19

Salt!

"Ye are the salt of the earth." Matt. 5:13.

Read Matthew 5:13-16

How indispensable is salt to make our food palatable! But it must be applied and rubbed in, if its seasoning and preserving qualities are to have their wholesome effect. So it is, too, with our religion. If it is to be a blessing to those around us, it is not enough merely to profess it. Others must feel its winsoneness and helpful influence.

Prayer: "Dear Lord, help us to be true to our high and holy mission as salt of the earth."

Friday, November 20

Broken Cisterns

"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out of cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Jer. 2:13.

Read Jeremiah 2:5-13.

How foolish Israel was to make so fateful an exchange! But how often we are tempted to do likewise and to surrender the true for the false, God for the world, greed and gain for grace. Not all that glitters is gold. But the

glitter deludes us and we let the gold go.

Prayer: "May we, O God, never forsake thee, the fount of life, and put our trust in broken cisterns that hold no water."

Saturday, November 21

Not Sentiment But Character

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15.

Read John 14:13-24.

Love to Christ is not a sentimental thing, a mere matter of endearing words and gushing emotions. It is life and character. It is *being*, that manifests itself in *doing*. To keep Christ's commandments from love is infinitely more than keeping them from a mere sense of duty.

Prayer: "Our Master and Lord, may our love to thee be sincere and marked by purity of life and devotion to helpful service."

Sunday, November 22

A Well-Rooted Tree

"For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river." Jer. 17:8.

Read Jeremiah 17:7-10.

Such is the man "that trusteth in the Lord and whose hope the Lord is." The life that is rooted in God grows into beauty and bears luscious fruit. "He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." The well rooted tree defies the storms, and under its protecting shade the weary, foot-sore wanderer rests.

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, keep us planted in thy grace, that our spiritual growth may be vigorous and rich in the fruits of the Spirit."

Monday, November 23

Forget Me Not!

"This do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19.

Read Luke 22:14-20.

Memory is one of the ties that bind us to Christ. It is a vital artery through which his teaching and influence and his spirit pass into us and become incorporated into our lives. If Christ is ever forgotten in this world, Christianity will perish and be blown away by the winds of centuries.

Prayer: "We thank thee, our divine Master, that thou hast entrusted to us this sacred memorial of thy sacrificial death."

Tuesday, November 24

A Child in the Midst

"And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them." Mark 9:36.

Read Mark 9:33-42

To save the child is to save the future. Hence, the child should be the central interest of the Church, and the

winning of the child for Christ and his Kingdom its supreme task. The place of the child is in the midst. Child-likeness is the distinctive mark of the kingdom life—"of such is the Kingdom of heaven."

Prayer: "Bless, dear Lord, our efforts for the children in our Sunday Schools and elsewhere."

Wednesday, November 25

The Call of Youth

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Eccles. 12:1.

Read Ecclesiastes 12:1-7.

Youth is the golden time for the soul to turn to God. While the Lord accepts us at any time of life, it is easier for us to become devoted to him in the plastic years of youth. Life is all too short at its best, and our Maker should not be robbed of a single year of the life which he has graciously given us.

Prayer: "God of mercies, may we heed thy call in our early years. Then in our later lives our ways will be committed unto thee."

Thursday, November 26

The Nation's Cause for Gratitude

"When thou hast eaten and art full, thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee." Deut. 8:10.

Read Deuteronomy 8:6-17.

We owe the custom of observing an annual day of thanksgiving to the Puritan founders of the nation. We observe it with unfailing remembrance of the divine source of our blessings. We invoke the continuance of the heavenly benediction upon our native land, our institutions, our homes and all our lives.

Prayer: "We would recognize thy hand in all our national experiences, be they glad or sad. Save us from pride. May love of justice, righteousness and peace be our aspiration!"

Friday, November 27

God's Masterpiece

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:10.

Read Ephesians 2:4-13.

Believers are a new creation. God in his grace takes such as we are, dead by nature in sin, and gives us his life. He bestows upon us his Spirit and we become his children, accepted in the beloved One. Ultimately the redeemed shall be transformed into his image and share his inheritance in glory. This glorious redemption is God's masterpiece, the creation of his love.

Prayer: "We praise thee, our Redeemer, for having made us partakers of thy glorious salvation. May we not mar the wondrous work of thy grace."

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Reports from the Field

Dakota Conference

Goals of Service and Social Events of B. Y. P. U. In McClusky

Although silent for a long while in "The Baptist Herald," the B. Y. P. U. of McClusky, N. D., is still very active. Our assembly at Washburn stimulated quite an energetic spirit. Almost winning the banner this year, we hope to win it decidedly next year. We have organized sides for a contest to keep check on points. A chart shows the gradual rise and fall of the two contesting sides.

In addition to our dues we are holding special collections on roll call nights to increase our treasury funds with which we hope to do some mission work in the near future. Our devotional meetings are held on every Sunday night. Attendance has been large, and numerous blessings have been ours.

We have held three socials during the past few months. The first was an outdoor social held on August 7 at the farm of our president and his family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Rott. With fine weather, a large variety of games, enough to eat and a worshipful close, the social was a happy success. The second was held in connection with our monthly business meeting and was in the nature of a farewell for one of our members, Miss Velda Renet. Our most recent social on September 10 was held at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mauch. It was a farewell for two more of our young people, Miss Irene Froelich and Mr. Ralph Rott. Miss Froelich will attend Jamestown College for her third year. We are very thankful that one of our group, Ralph Rott, has received and answered a call into the ministry for which he is now preparing in our seminary in Rochester, N. Y. He has always been an active member of our society, and we can sincerely wish him God's blessing in his work of preparation for further service. We will miss them both and regret their leaving us.

ESTHER KAISER, Reporter

An Aggressive Church Program Under Able Leadership in Avon, So. Dak.

We review the first year of our ministry in the German Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., with mingled feelings. Deeply conscious of our many shortcomings, we humbly acknowledge our gratitude to God for the privilege of service in this promising field, and for the blessings which have manifestly rested on church and pastor.

Realizing that in a vital sense the future of our churches and our denomination rests in our youth, it has been our aim, after giving first attention to the min-

istry of preaching, to work constructively along the line of winning our youth to Christ and then of training them for a useful Christian life. Believing that the Sunday School presents the most promising and challenging field for evangelism, and that the distinctive purpose of the B. Y. P. U. is the training of young Christians for definite Christian leadership and service, we have consistently tried to promote these two important departments of our church program.

Thus, an efficiency contest among the four groups of our Senior B. Y. P. U., stressing the essentials of a good B. Y. P. U. and the introduction of accurate individual records, has done much to increase the effectiveness of its training work. A Junior B. Y. P. U. was also organized with 18 members, which since then has grown into an Intermediate B. Y. P. U. with 34 members and is doing excellent training work under the supervision of two adult sponsors.

Last April a special evangelistic appeal in the young people's department of our Sunday School resulted in 9 young people accepting Christ as their personal Savior. A second such appeal was made on Sunday, October 18, to which 20 Juniors and Intermediates responded. A successful Daily Vacation Bible School was held in June, at the conclusion of which 22 Juniors responded to the invitation to accept Christ as their Savior. Nine young people have been baptized, and another baptismal service is in prospect for the near future.

Only recently an Adult Group has been formed, which, it is expected, will be enlarged gradually to full strength. It is our aim eventually to expand our B. Y. P. U. into 4 complete training units, one for every age—Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Adult—so that all members of the church may have the privilege of continuous and intensive training in Bible knowledge, Baptist doctrine and history, missions and all essential church activities.

During the year these vital purposes have prepared the ground for the new plan of our national council to stimulate and to unify the Sunday School work of our denomination. On October 4 our Avon Church unanimously adopted the new "German Baptist Standard of Excellence" for Sunday School work, and instructed the officers and teachers to take all necessary steps to bring our requirements of the standard. The workers of the Sunday School immediately completed plans for the pastor to teach Dr. Flake's book, "Building a Standard Sunday School," during the week of October 19 to 23 as the first and logical step toward making ours a Standard Sunday School. Thus, by the grace of God the blessings of this first year open up wonderful possibilities for the coming year.

Rev. F. W. Bartel, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Farewell and Wedding Anniversary for the Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Dallmus

Another of God's faithful servants left the active ministry as the Rev. C. F. Dallmus was forced to retire because of failing health. It was the writer's privilege with his wife to accept the invitation of the members of the First German Baptist Church of George to be with them for the farewell service and the 40th wedding anniversary celebration of their pastor and his wife. The Rev. O. X. Brenner of the Second German church and the Rev. E. F. Seibert of the Presbyterian church had also been invited.

Mr. J. Janssen, a deacon of the church gave a brief talk of explanation to the honored couple, for whom the service had been arranged as a complete surprise. All the pastors present spoke words of farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Dallmus and extended best wishes on their 40th wedding anniversary. A number of members and friends also took the opportunity to express words of appreciation for the devoted services of the pastor and his wife. The choir, which had already rendered a number of selections, now asked their organizer and leader to sing another song with them. It was most touching to hear the retiring pastor and one of the young women of the choir sing an obligato duet accompanied by the rest of the choir.

The young people's Sunday School class presented its departing teacher with a fine Gladstone bag, expressing the hope that Mr. Dallmus would use it to visit them. The church and friends presented a gift of \$40 to the couple as an anniversary present. The Sheffield church, which Mr. Dallmus had served about 17 years ago, had also sent a gift.

The Rev. C. F. Dallmus has served a number of our churches in different parts of the country. He served the George church for more than seven years. During that time he was privileged to baptize 40 into the membership of the church. He and his wife have done a marvelous piece of work in this field. The Rev. C. Swyter of Steamboat Rock will succeed the departing pastor about the first of November.

Upon leaving George during the first week in October, Mr. and Mrs. Dallmus went to North Freedom, Ws., to spend a few days with the Palfeniers. Then they spent a few weeks in Chicago with some of their children and will spend the winter with one of their sons in Georgia. They hope to make a trip to Germany next spring and, after returning, to settle down in Florida. May God go with them and grant many more years of companionship!

T. W. BENDER, Reporter.

The Rev. A. R. Sandow and Family Welcomed to Muscatine Church

On Friday evening, October 9, members and friends of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Muscatine, Iowa, held a reception for their new pastor and his family, the Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Sandow and Marcellus and Tracy from Elmo, Kansas.

Mr. Victor Miller, superintendent of the Sunday School, called on the various organizations of the church for words of welcome. The Rev. Vance H. Webster, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Muscatine, brought a brief message. Mr. E. W. Wedekind, clerk of the board of deacons spoke for the deacons of the church and made a pledge of co-operation to the pastor for the carrying on of our great work. Mrs. Lillian Thomas welcomed the pastor and his family in behalf of the choir. Mr. Victor Miller spoke a few words of greeting for the Sunday School. The B. Y. P. U. was represented by Miss Esther Toborg who expressed joy in anticipation of working together with the minister. Mrs. Hazel Petz, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Sandow and family in behalf of the women. Mr. Carl Borchardt had a welcome from the church as a congregation.

The Junior girls were represented by the Misses Ruth Miller, Arlene Grudt, kuhl, Irene and Celia Deleeuw with songs. A solo was sung by Miss Mabel Christensen. Various readings were given by Mrs. Edith Hals, Miss Myrtle Eckhardt and Mrs. Amelia Dippel. Little Carl Dippel, Jr., sang the song, "Precious Jewels." A vocal duet was given by Mrs. Lillian Thomas and Mrs. Marie Krell.

In response Mr. Sandow expressed his appreciation and that of his family for the hearty welcome and spoke of the joy he had received in following the Lord's guidance in accepting the call to our church in Muscatine.

Carl Dippel, Reporter.

Sessions of the Iowa Association

The Iowa Association met this year in the spacious auditorium of our church in George. Although the distance was great for some of the delegates to travel, thirty delegates and again as many visitors gathered for a real spiritual feast. Truly, God was gracious towards us in this heart-searching fellowship.

The Rev. Carl Sentman of Sheffield, as pre-speaker on Sunday, October 4, gave a foretaste of what was to follow by speaking on "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" and "The Supreme Authority of the Author."

On Monday night appropriate orchestral music under the able direction of Mr. O. H. Moan, played by the George High School band, preceded the warm welcome of the Rev. O. W. Brenner and the hearty response of the Rev. C. F. Dallmus. Our general missionary secretary, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, brought at this service and the following day, three

messages of soul-searching import. We were all lifted to new heights of missionary visions and our memories were illuminated by references to our hardy heritage. His emphasis on an educated, experienced, and spirit-filled ministry was indeed timely, bringing to mind the needs of our day and the unchanging value of the gospel.

On Tuesday evening, after a song service led by Mr. Habreger of Elgin, president of the Iowa Young People's Union, the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Wm. H. Schobert of Victor. Focusing attention on the 73rd Psalm the problems of our day were seen to have their understanding "in the sanctuary of God." We were then blessed by an instrumental and vocal duet of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hutchins. Mr. Hutchins is the author of "A Song Forever," which is to appear in "The Baptist Herald" this coming year.

A lively discussion was invoked by the reading of three papers on Wednesday. The Rev. Paul Zoschke's paper on "The Young Minister in Such a Time as This" stated that a minister was a prophet of God and that his message does not change even though the world changes in exterior things. The Rev. C. F. Lehr in his work on "Roger Williams" struck a necessary remembrance in showing that

the consuming objective in Roger Williams' life was the separation of Church and State, a needed warning for our day. This was followed with the reading of "The Value of the Epistle to the Hebrews" in which the Rev. A. G. Lang demonstrated how Christ was the center and circumference of Hebrews.

Mr. Moan's able direction of a mixed instrumental ensemble on Wednesday evening followed with the song and worship service. We were then aroused to a deeper repentance from a scriptural exposition on the book of Ruth, in the homecoming of Naomi, by the Rev. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock.

The Tuesday and Wednesday morning devotions led by Richard Alder of Parkersburg and the Rev. A. Sandow of Muscatine reminded us that the "pulse-beat" of the Christian is prayer; that prayer is not giving information to God but rather an expression of desire, confession, and praise. It was a real joy to welcome the Rev. Arthur Sandow, who comes to Muscatine from Elmo, Kansas, and the Rev. Carl Sentman from Sheffield, who was ordained in the Steamboat Rock church last Spring, to our association.

Mention should be made of the fine music rendered by the choir of the

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Second Church of George, the splendid duets and solos, the efficient co-operative spirit of the people, the hospitality in their homes, the wholesome and tasty meals served by the ladies of the church and the good organization work of the Rev. O. W. Brenner, who served in the unusual capacity as chairman and host. The Rev. A. G. Lang was elected vice-president, the Rev. Wm. Schobert, secretary, and Mr. John Stover continued as treasurer.

Wm. H. Schobert, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

41st Anniversary Celebrated by the Los Angeles B. Y. P. U.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 4, the B. Y. P. U. of the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., celebrated its 41st anniversary with the Anaheim and the Los Angeles Ebenezer societies present.

Mr. John Wolff presided over the meeting. The program consisted of a choir selection, men's chorus, trumpet duet, piano and organ duet, a dialogue entitled, "Aunt Fannie's Miracle," and an inspiring message by our pastor, the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, who spoke on 2 Timothy 2:1.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: Walter Heiman, president; John Wolff, vice-president; Ruth Eichblatt, secretary; and Bill Wolff, treasurer.

The past year has been filled with many blessings and opportunities. Our Sunday evening prayer meetings were continued during the summer months with the same enthusiasm as during the rest of the year. Once a month the entire evening service was devoted to the young people of the church. The programs have been varied with local and outside talent.

It has been the privilege of our society for the past 3 years to take charge of a monthly meeting at the San Pedro Rest Mission. Here we have had an opportunity of bringing the gospel in song and message to those less fortunate than ourselves.

The visiting committee has been busy visiting and sending cards, flowers, and fruit to our sick members and friends. Our social committee has given us many an evening of fun and fellowship.

As we go into the new year, we trust that God's blessing will rest upon this society and that we as members may be able to achieve more in his kingdom.

Esther Leuschner, Reporter.

The King's Daughters Sunday School Class in Portland

The King's Daughters Sunday School Class of the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, has a membership of sixty young ladies. Ten of this number are regular Sunday School teachers who report to the class period once a month when they are relieved by their substitute teachers.

Words cannot express our deep appreciation for our teacher, Mrs. Jacob Kratt, who has taught this class so faithfully

for 26 years and who still serves the class today. Mrs. Kratt with her keen teaching ability is honored and greatly loved by each member of the class. She has embedded many truths in the hearts and minds of the members of the class.

It has been the aim of the class to help those in the church or in the community who are in need, either financially or by personal efforts. The class meets bi-monthly at the home of one of its mem-



The King's Daughters Sunday School Class in the First Church of Portland, Oregon, with Mrs. Jacob Kratt, Teacher

bers, at which time two of the young women take charge of the meeting.

Since Clara Gebauer is a member of our class we are intensely interested in the mission field at Kakaland. She has our love and our prayers, and we also like to send her parcels which are of great value to her in her missionary work. We as a class have always contributed generously for missions, but now we are more than glad to contribute to our foreign missionary enterprise.

Anna Wardin, Reporter.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Activities in the Second Church of Portland

On Sunday, October 11, the Sunday School of the Second German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, presented 15 pins of honorary award to all those scholars who had not missed more than two Sundays in attendance during the year. This was, indeed, a happy occasion



An Outstanding Sunday School Family in the Second Church of Portland, Oregon

in that it gave due credit and appreciation to those who are always faithful and in their places on Sunday mornings. Out of this number 9 belonged or are related to one family of the church. A picture of this outstanding Sunday School family will be found on this page of "The Baptist Herald." Their names are as follows: (Back row from left) Mr. Delzer, Mrs. Delzer, Mr. Derfler, Mrs. Derfler, Mrs. Mazetier; (Front row) Ruth Delzer,

Theodore, John and Emil Mazetier. Besides the 14 receiving pins, 11 scholars received honorable mention, indicating that they had attended 48 Sundays out of the year.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 27, the B. Y. P. U. and the Second Church of Portland held a combined meeting. The song service and special numbers were in charge of the young people, after which our pastor, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, presented a message on "How to Find More Joy in Our Church Work." The main thought brought out that we must keep Christ fixed in the center of our minds and our activities, remembering that we are doing this work for him alone, and thus not becoming discouraged by the remarks and actions of others round about us. After the service refreshments were served in the church parlors, and a congenial fellowship hour followed.

Emma Freitag, Reporter.

OBITUARY

Ernst Heiman

Mr. Ernst Heiman was born in Russia on April 14, 1886. In 1912 he came to Detroit, Mich., and soon afterwards to Anaheim, Calif. In 1915 he was united in marriage with his now bereaved widow. The Lord blessed this marriage with 4 children. In 1917 he was converted, and soon afterwards he was baptized by the Rev. C. Swyter and united with the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. Brother Heiman was loyal and faithful to his Lord, family and church. The church honored his faithfulness by entrusting him with the offices of deacon, treasurer and trustee.

On Oct. 6, while at work, he fell by the hand of an assassin. The bullet which pierced his heart was intended for his employer, but since the latter was absent from the factory, our brother as foreman received it. To the dear family and the church this was a great shock.

The many floral tributes and the large attendance at the funeral service showed the esteem in which he was held. The Reverend M. L. Leuschner, J. Ehrenstein and the pastor officiated at the service.

Los Angeles, Calif.

J. A. H. Wuttke.

Southern Conference Fall Assembly of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union

to be held at Gatesville, Texas,
Nov. 25 to 29

Theme: "Follow Me."

Theme Song: "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:30 P. M. Song Service.

8:00 P. M. Dedictory Sermon "Building to the Glory of God" by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

Dedictory Prayer by the Rev. August Becker.

MORNINGS

9:00 A. M. Devotional Periods.

Thursday—Mr. Adolph Hill.

Friday—Miss Emma Ruth Kraemer.

Saturday—Miss Marie Heusi.

9:30 A. M. and 10:45 A. M. Class Periods. (Fifteen minutes recess between classes.)

11:45 A. M. General Assembly.

AFTERNOONS

2:25 P. M. Opening.

2:30 P. M. Class Period.

3:30 P. M. Relaxation.

3:45 P. M. Thursday—Business Session.

Friday—General Assembly.

4:15 P. M. Recreation.

EVENINGS

7:30 P. M. Song Services, directed by Mr. Chester Buenning.

8:00 P. M. Address—Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

Thursday—"Uplifted Hands of Thanksgiving."

Friday—"A Heart-searching Prayer."

Saturday—"The Perfect Example of Service."

Saturday Afternoon: Recreation in Charge of Committee.

SUNDAY

Fiftieth Jubilee Anniversary of the Bethel Church

10:00 A. M. Reports and Greetings.

11:00 A. M. Jubilee Sermon (German) by the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D.

AFTERNOON

2:00 P. M. Music and Song Service.

2:15 P. M. Awarding of Banners.

2:30 P. M. Inspirational Address by Mr. Leuschner.

CLOSING EVENING SERVICE

7:00 P. M. Song Service.

7:15 P. M. Remarks by the President of Y. P. and S. S. W. Union—Mr. Vernon Ekrut.

7:30 P. M. Closing Sermon by the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, D. D.

Brief Talk, "Glances Only—Past and Future," by Mr. Leuschner.

COURSES OF STUDY AND TEACHERS

Rev. H. G. Ekrut—"Foreigners in Texas" (Adults).

Rev. C. C. Gossen—"When Do Teachers Teach?" (Senior No. 1.)

Rev. C. H. Edinger—"Missions Our Mission" (Senior No. 2.)

Miss Klara Loewer—"Messengers of Light" (Intermediate).

Miss Rosalie Kock—"Trail Makers in Other Lands" (Juniors).

INVITATION

All persons of the Southern Conference planning on attending the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Assembly to be held at Gatesville, Texas, from Nov. 25 to 29 are requested to notify Mr. Himer Schaub or the Rev. Wm. Buennig, Route 3, Gatesville, Texas, not later than Nov. 22. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend not only the assembly but also the dedication of the church's addition and the 50th Jubilee of the Bethel Church to be held in conjunction with the young people's assembly.

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DAILY MEDITATIONS

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Saturday, November 28

Parental Respect

"Honor thy father and thy mother." Exodus 20:12.

Read Exodus 20:12-17.

The family is the unit of human society. The fundamental social relation is that of parents and children. The two hemispheres of a full orbed family life are love of the parents for the children and filial love, trust and obedience on the part of the children.

Prayer: "Dear Father, watch over our homes. May neither parental neglect nor filial disrespect destroy their peace and happiness."

Sunday, November 29

The Final Appeal

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17.

Read John 7:14-18.

The final appeal in spiritual matters is not to the intellect, important as reasonableness is, nor to the feelings, valuable as emotion is. The real test is found in being willing to do the Father's will, to be heartily responsive to the challenge to live by the truth that is from above.

Prayer: "May I joyfully submit to thy sovereign will in glad obedience at the impulse of thy love and grace."

Monday, November 30

Light On Your Way

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105.

Read Psalm 119:105-112.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." With its wealth of precepts, its great height of ideals, its wide range of sympathy, its marvelous reach of aspiration, its fineness of temper and its depth of conviction, the Bible is, indeed, an unfailing light unto our path.

Prayer: "O thou God of truth and light, we praise thee for thy illumin'g word that lights our way through the intricacies of life."

Tuesday, December 1

A Prophetic Promise

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 11:15.

Read Revelation 11:15-19.

In the present chaotic condition of the world the fulfillment of this promise seems far remote. Still it is no unreal phantasy but a true vision. In a sense the triumph has already been won. The living Christ, risen and ascended, knows no defeat. To him belongs the ultimate victory.

Prayer: "Thou art the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."

Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, To SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Anointing Christ in Thanksgiving and Love

When Jesus Christ lived on this earth he was invited to weddings, feasts and festivals of all kinds. On at least three of such occasions he was anointed by his friends. The most beautiful of these accounts is that of Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, anointing her Master in the Bethany home as she took "a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus."

Mary's Deed of Love

Mary's deed was a thoughtful and warm-hearted expression of her love to and adoration of Christ as her Lord. Undoubtedly, the three women, including Mary, who anointed Jesus, as the accounts are reported in the New Testament, were not the only ones who did so. There must have been many others who showed their love and fidelity to Christ by their service and sacrifice. Even to the present day there is no gap in the list of those who in their own way have anointed their Lord and Savior in manifesting their great love to him.

The Martyr's Testimony

The reports of the many occasions during the past centuries and at the present time on which Jesus has been and still is being anointed are quite different from that account of Mary's anointing Christ in Bethany. Think of the martyrs of the church, such as Balthasar Hubmaier who is pictured on this page, who have brought a glowing testimony of their faith and love to Christ on the rack or at the stake. Or picture to yourself the many Christians who centuries ago had to wander in the mountains and forests without a home and without friends for the sake of Christ. There are many disciples of Christ who in the quiet, hidden places of life are anointing their Lord by their unselfish devotion without the knowledge of other people. Even of Lazarus it was said that: "by reason of him many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus," so that after his resurrection from the dead he, too, anointed Christ by his quiet but effective testimony for Christ.



Balthasar Hubmaier, One of the Martyrs of the Christian Church, Who Anointed His Savior by the Testimony of His Faith and Love to Christ

Reasons for Our Gratitude

That feast in Bethany had been arranged for Jesus because of gratitude for blessings which the family had received. Lazarus had been raised from the dead, for which his sisters were intensely grateful. The anointing of Christ was not occasioned by a passing whim, but it was the fruition of a carefully prepared plan. Mary had bought the ointment with no hesitation because of its great price and had eagerly awaited this eventful day in her home. Our Lord and Savior has done even more for us than raising someone in our family from the grave. He has raised us, who were dead in trespasses and sin, into the newness of life with him. The voice of the Son of God entered the grave of our dead selves and called us forth into the light of his power and grace. For this alone we have every reason to be profoundly grateful to our Lord and Savior at this Thanksgiving season of the year.

Fragrance that Fills the House

It is reported of this occasion when Mary anointed Jesus that "the house was filled with the odor of the ointment." That always happens. The services and offerings of love on the part of men and women who anoint Jesus thereby, transmit the sweetest fragrance even until today not only in the church but also throughout the world. Every church rejoices over such of its members who anoint their Master in any loving service. Is it not true that such, who do not anoint Christ, can never fill the house of God with the fragrance of their offerings?

Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week

In this THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK to be observed in our churches from Sunday, November 22, to Sunday, November 29, all of us should earnestly and prayerfully resolve: We Want to Anoint our Savior by the Loving Offerings of our Thanksgiving to Him!

YOU CAN ANOINT JESUS CHRIST TODAY BY BRINGING YOUR OFFERING OF LOVE TO HIM IN THE GRATITUDE OF YOUR HEART, THE TESTIMONY OF YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE, AND THE GIFTS FOR OUR DENOMINATIONAL MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE!