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— In Memoriam —

**Walter
Rauschenbusch**

Born—October 4,
1861

Seventy-five Years Ago

Ordained—October
21, 1886

Fifty Years Ago

Pastor of the Second
German Baptist
Church of New York
1886-1897

Died—July 25, 1918

“Preacher, Author,
Teacher, Leader of
Men.

“Thy Kingdom Come,”
His Prayer and
Passion;

His Life an Inspira-
tion;

His Message a Bene-
diction to Multitudes”

Tablet in Second German
Baptist Church of New York



A Remarkable Portrait of Professor Walter
Rauschenbusch

Courtesy of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School

What's Happening

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Ittermann of Chicago, Ill., are the proud and happy parents of a baby girl who was born to them on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Mr. Ittermann is pastor of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago.

The Rev. Albert W. Lang, after a faithful and successful ministry of five and one-half years as pastor of the German Baptist Church at Buffalo Center, Iowa, has accepted the call from Parkston, South Dakota, where he will begin his service on the new field with Oct. 1.

The Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota, has resigned his charge in order to accept the call extended to him by the German Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan. He will begin his ministry on the new field shortly.

The Rev. N. E. McCoy, who has served the German Baptist Church of Pleasant Valley and Carrington, North Dakota, for several years, is no longer in active service as their minister, as was recently stated in an issue of "The Baptist Herald." The two churches are without the services of a pastor in full charge at present.

The Rev. Henry Koslow has resigned his charge at Max, North Dakota, in order to continue his studies at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was joined at the college by the Rev. Erich Bonikowsky, formerly of Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada, who will also spend the coming year studying for his A. B. degree.

The Rev. H. Lohr, for two years pastor of the German Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota has become the missionary of the state of Minnesota, succeeding the Rev. C. F. Stoeckmann. He began his ministry in Minnesota with Sept. 15. He will minister to our churches in Holloway, Jeffers, Mound Prairie and Sharon.

The Rev. John Luebeck, who has been pastor of the large German Baptist Church in northerly Minnetonka, Manitoba, Canada, has followed the call of the Ebenezer West Church in Saskatchewan, Canada, and will begin his work on the new field with the first of October. He will make his home in the nearby town of Springside.

The Rev. B. Jacksteit closed his ministry in the Second German Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada, on July 31 and has entered Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., to continue his studies. The Rev. H. Schatz of

Camrose, Alberta, beginning with Aug. 1, became the new pastor of the Second Church of Leduc and the church at Rabbit Hill.

The Beaver Baptist Church located at Auburn, Mich., celebrated its 40th anniversary from Sept. 18 to 20. On Sunday Sept. 20 the Rev. William Kuhn, D.D., the general missionary secretary, was the guest speaker, addressing the large congregations at the morning, afternoon, and evening services. In the afternoon the newly built parsonage was dedicated. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer is the aggressive pastor of the church.

THE FRONT COVER PICTURE

The beautiful portrait of Walter Rauschenbusch on the front cover of the current issue of "The Baptist Herald" is a reproduction of a crayon sketch, made by Dr. John R. Williams of Rochester, New York, who served as the personal physician of Dr. Rauschenbusch during his life. The original adorns the president's reception room in the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

The bulletin of the Seminary for March, 1934, featured a brief description of the portrait, written by President Albert W. Beaven, from which the following citation is made:

"This portrait of Dr. Rauschenbusch has, we believe, captured to a remarkable degree the personality of the man back of the picture. The rugged cast of the face, the twinkle of the eye, the kindly, quizzical expression so familiar to all those who knew him and loved him, show that Dr. Williams has not merely made a picture; he has expressed the soul of the man back of it."

The Strassburg German Baptist Church near Marion Kansas will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Sunday, October 4, with the Rev. J. A. Pankratz, pastor of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., as the guest speaker. Mr. Pankratz, who served the church years ago while also pastor of the church at Marion, will conduct evangelistic meetings at Strassburg for ten days following the anniversary services.

Miss Susanne Schilling, a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Schilling of Gladwin, Mich., received the Bachelor of Science degree on Thursday evening, Aug. 6, at the summer term commence-

ment of the Central State Teachers College of Mount Pleasant, Mich. Miss Schilling will be remembered by "Baptist Herald" readers as the author of the interesting story, "Life Supreme," which appeared serially in "The Baptist Herald" in 1935.

The Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer of Southey, Saskatchewan, Canada has responded favorably to the call extended to him by the German Baptist Churches of Rosenfeld and Tabor in North Dakota where he will begin his ministry on Oct. 1. On Sunday, Aug. 23, he had the joy of baptizing nine persons and extending to them the hand of fellowship into the church. During his three year ministry in the Southey Church, which was brought to a close on Sunday, Sept. 13, thirty-three members were added to the church.

On Thursday afternoon, Aug. 20, the Rev. A. Guenther, pastor of the German Baptist Church in Venturia, North Dakota, and his family were pleasantly surprised at an outing of the B. Y. P. U. members. A period of games at the Bertsch grove was followed by a fine lunch prepared by a group of young women. After a time of singing Mr. Guenther delivered a fitting and helpful message. The secretary, Miss Lydia Wiedmann, wrote that "we could feel the nearness of God and in our hearts we thanked him for his mercies and his wonderful care of young people."

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 23, the Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota, baptized a young man and his wife and received them into the fellowship of the church at the Sunday evening communion service. The new church building will be dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 11, with the Rev. William Kuhn, D.D., general missionary secretary, the dedication speaker. The Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt (Continued on Page 306)

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EDITORIAL

THE wings of adventure carry every issue of "The Baptist Herald" into the far corners of the world. Each number is awaited eagerly by a

group of men in San Quentin prison in California, where they use the "Daily Meditations" for their Bible study and its articles for reading material. It is passed on to several teachers and prominent citizens in a Wisconsin town by the high school principal. Its arrival in distant Kakaland in Africa is an hour of rejoicing for the Gebauers and Miss Koppin. It is an increasingly large and interesting family which "The Baptist Herald" is proud to call its own.

It is time for another friendly chat with this splendid family circle of ours. Christmas is in the offing and we can already disclose some of the surprises and delights in store for "Baptist Herald" readers as our share in the Christmas festivities. We are exceedingly happy to announce that the serial novel to be published in 1937 will be Paul Hutchen's stirring religious story, "A Song Forever," which moves from intensely exciting moments to a quiet, deep happiness and will be judged by many as "the best ever to appear in 'The Baptist Herald.'" In response to numerous requests a new feature in the coming year will be "A Children's Page" to appear once a month for the benefit of the little ones in the homes. The February 1st issue will be a "Special Moody Number" in commemoration of the centenary of Dwight L. Moody's birth. Preceding the General Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, in August, 1937, "The Baptist Herald" will be lavishly illustrated with scenic views of the enthralling Pacific Coast and will feature articles describing the places of interest in California, Oregon and Washington.

Several interesting series of articles are already being prepared for our readers in the coming months. The October 15th number will give the subscribers the opportunity of selecting their five

favorite hymns. Those which are chosen as the most beloved songs of "The Baptist Herald" family will serve as the basis for articles, interpreting the message and relating the story of the hymns. Another series will deal with the fundamental doctrines of Christian faith to be presented with clarity of thought and popular approach.

The last page of this issue announces two contests, which should interest every reader of "The Baptist Herald." If you have some practical suggestion to make as to how our publication can be improved upon in its make-up, content of articles, new features or style, send it to the editor. Be brief in the writing of your suggestion. Send more than one, if you so desire. The second contest will thrill every photographer, of whom we have many. If you have taken any sized snapshots of human interest pictures, nature scenes or unusual views, send them with the negatives as entries in the contest. There are many valuable prizes for those who participate. The results of both contests will be announced soon after January 1, 1937.

During the next three months other interesting and invaluable features will be presented. The November 1st issue will be another Special Missionary Number with articles about the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt and the Danubian Gospel Field, including the captivating work among the gypsies of Bulgaria, and the latest reports from our missionaries in the Cameroons. The story of Frances Ridley Havergal, the author of many beloved hymns, will be told at the time of the centenary of her birth. The Christmas issue will be "a surprise stocking" of many good things.

"The Baptist Herald" can now be secured for fifteen months from Oct. 1, 1936 to Dec. 31, 1937 for the nominal cost of \$1.25, the subscription price of one year. Order a subscription for some friend. Win someone in your church or community for our splendid family. "The Baptist Herald" is looking forward to a banner year as it begins its 15th volume and soars to greater heights than ever before on its winged adventures!

Rauschenbusch Aflame for God!

This notable article about Professor Walter Rauschenbusch and the social conscience of our day has been written by his close friend, Professor F. W. C. Meyer of the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Rauschenbusch's ordination into the Christian ministry on Oct. 21, 1886, and the beginning of his pastorate of the Second German Baptist church of New York City and the 75th anniversary of his birth which occurred on Oct. 4, 1861.

By PROFESSOR F. W. C. MEYER

EXACTLY half a century ago Walter Rauschenbusch began his ministry among us as pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of New York. Besides, October fourth will be the seventy-fifth anniversary of his birth. We shall be celebrating the diamond natal jubilee of one who, more than any contemporary, figured as the social conscience of his day.

The Influence of His Books

His books of the social awakening, appearing in English and partly translated into French, Norwegian, Finnish, Swedish, Russian, Chinese, Japanese and German, have been read the world over and have inspired the minds of many. Edward C. Marsh, secretary of the Macmillan Company, remarked shortly after their famous author's death in 1918, "I have seen something of the influence of books, and it is my belief that no other publications of the new century have had so deep an influence on the course of Christian thought and action." Professor Ragaz of Zürich prefaces his German translation of Rauschenbusch's last book with the statement that "since the days of the New Testament there have been but very few to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God as did he." Kagawa, the noted Japanese evangelist, testifies to being set aflame with co-operative zeal by the reading of Rauschenbusch's books.

We as a humble group of North American German Baptists have reason to be grateful for this preacher, professor and prophet whom God gave us and signally honored as a spiritual stimulus to Christendom at large. Even those, who may not agree with Rauschenbusch's social conception of the Kingdom of God, will readily admit that the Founder of our faith urges us to "seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness," and bids us to pray expectantly, "Thy will be done on earth." It was a Christ-enkindled enthusiasm for the highest welfare of humanity that prompted Rauschenbusch's corrective of our previously all too individualistic view of salvation. Though for a while it seemed as if the World War had voided all effort for the reign of righteousness and love in human affairs, Kingdom preaching is again astir in the land, and its ardent advocate "being dead yet speaketh."

A Sketch of Rauschenbusch's Life

He lived a quiet and unostentatious life. But

he lived with all his might. The fifty-seven years of his sojourn here fell between the beginning of the Civil War and the ending of the world catastrophe. Born on Asylum Street, only a short distance from the Rochester Theological Seminary where he ended his teaching ministry, he happened to be the seventh in an unbroken line of noteworthy German clergymen. His father, August Rauschenbusch, well trained at the universities of Berlin and Bonn, came to this country as a young Lutheran pastor, full of missionary ardor for his spiritually destitute countrymen in the "benighted wilds" of Missouri, away back in 1845. He also served the American Tract Society as editor and distributor of its German literature. Boarding with a Baptist family in Brooklyn he was deeply impressed by the genuine piety of the simple folk, and finally he joined our denominational ranks as an invaluable factor in the founding of churches and the securing of an educated ministry.

He was professor of almost everything in the newly-founded German Department of the Rochester Theological Seminary when the youngest child was born. Naming him "Walther" he played upon the derivation of the word as he fervently prayed, "Walt, Herr, über diesem Kinde!", since the first child, also a boy, born in Missouri did not survive the trip to Rochester, and now the Civil War was raging. Walter in early childhood accompanied his mother and two sisters on a visit of several years to Germany. In Rochester he attended Herr Pfäfflin's private school and later the Free Academy. On completion of his course there, and, having just previously been baptized on the confession of his faith, he was sent abroad to continue and to complete his preparatory studies at the Evangelical Gymnasium of Gütersloh in Westphalia. His German was far from idiomatic at the start, but he soon outstripped the native lads as "primus" of the class. He wrote home some characteristically observant descriptions of his trips through the fatherland as well as an interesting Christmas letter in faultless Greek, and by way of a final thesis, instead of translating the 90th Psalm out of the original Hebrew into mere German he rendered it in Latin hexameters.

Following the Call of Christ

A childless rich uncle held out to him the

promise of paying his way through the university and probably making him his heir if he would study law. But Walter was convinced of his calling to the gospel ministry and, returning home in 1883, he entered the Rochester Theological Seminary, our German Department and the local university all at the same time, and was graduated with highest honors in 1886. His sister Frida had married Professor George Fetzer of the Hamburg Seminary. His sister Emma, now Mrs. Clough, had gone into the Telugu field. He also desired to be a foreign missionary. But the professor of Hebrew expressed misgivings about his liberal views of the Old Testament, and the missionary board failed to send the volunteer to India.

Two calls, however, were awaiting his decision. One came from an American church in Illinois, offering a tempting salary. The other was from our destitute Second German church on Forty-fifth street in New York City with a salary of \$600 a year. He chose the latter. And there he labored faithfully for eleven years. The church was able to double his original salary, was well housed in a new building on Forty-third street near Eighth Avenue, and was effective in evangelistic, social and missionary service, endeavoring to contribute as much for outside purposes as it spent for its own use.

Serving the Denomination

In addition to his splendid work among the foreigners of the crowded metropolis, the indefatigable worker served the denomination at large. He edited "Der Jugend-Herold," wrote a repeatedly published Christian study course on "Das Leben Jesu," prepared several German editions of gospel hymns, was secretary of the Baptist Congress, instituted "the Brotherhood of the Kingdom," served on important committees, spent a year of study in Germany where his parents had returned to close the evening of their lives, and used all spare time in diligent reading and research for prospective use.

Having been a bachelor pastor for seven years, he finally took time to marry. A happy match it was! The accomplished former Milwaukee German school teacher, Pauline Rother, became his devoted helpmate, the companion of his achievements, and mother of five fine children, now rising into national prominence.

His handicap of deafness, contracted while visiting the sick during an epidemic of grippe, and a repeated call to the professorship at last brought him to the city of his birth and the fulcrum of his crowning activity. From 1897 to 1902 he was professor in our German department, and then became professor of church history in the English seminary. He was a wonderfully versatile and inspiring teacher. Keen in insight, broad in sympathies, uncompromising in correct conclusion, still he never lacked that sparkle of humor and fervor of heart which laid students and colleagues alike under tribute to the spell of his genius. Speaking with apparent ease, in both English and German, he, however, did not come

by the substance of his lectures without effort. His genius was a capacity for hard work.

The Social Prophet

The burden of the new evangelism was laid upon his heart in the turmoil and toil of the American metropolis. Socialistic writers may have influenced him somewhat. But above all, the crying need of the comfortless multitude, the senseless inadequacy of competitive strife, the possibility of co-operative reward, and the jubilant remedy of the prophets of old and of the Savior of mankind took hold of his susceptible soul. He was ever ready for any real service to humanity. He gloried in the privilege of sacrifice. He never lacked the courage of his convictions. What once he had heard in the inner chamber of communication with the King, he fearlessly and persuasively proclaimed from the housetops.

His gospel of the Christianization of the social order was anything but popular when first announced. There was no lack of vigorous opposition. But with the publication of his epoch-making book, "Christianity and the Social Crisis," in 1907 things took a hopeful turn. Ministers, teachers, sociologists, labor leaders and business men perused the masterpiece with avidity. All available dates were filled with appointments to speak at churches and colleges and public forums and deliver his universally desired message from seaboard to seaboard and even abroad. In rapid succession there appeared the "Prayers of the Social Awakening," "Christianizing of the Social Order," and "Social Principles of Jesus."

What a change after a decade of expectancy! I remember in 1897 having tried to secure a hearing for him at the Yale Divinity School. He was coming from the metropolis to see me at New Haven. The lecture would not have cost the seminary a cent, and I was on good terms with the professors. But the usual polite excuses were forthcoming—there was no room in the weekly bulletin for a Christian socialist's message. Two decades later the Yale School of Religion with many honors invited Rauschenbusch to give, what turned out to be his final course of lectures, on the Nathaniel W. Taylor Foundation. These lectures are embodied in his last book, "A Theology for the Social Gospel," and were written when a malignant cancer was already sapping his strength.

Shortly before his departure, he wrote in that oft-quoted poem of his on "The Little Gate in the Castle of My Soul:"

"So it is when my soul steps through the postern gate
Into the presence of God.
Big things become small, and small things become great,
The near becomes far, and the future is near.
The lowly and despised is shot through with glory,
And most of human power and greatness
Seems as full of infernal iniquities
As a carcass is full of maggots.
God is the substance of all revolutions;
When I am in him, I am in the Kingdom of God
And in the Fatherland of my Soul."

He surely served his generation according to the will of God by awakening its social conscience.

What's Happening News

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of our Danubian Gospel Mission field will also have a part in the festivities and will conduct evangelistic services for one week following the dedication Sunday.

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From Aug. 7 to 17 the Rev. V. M. Cloyd, Southern Baptist district missionary, conducted evangelistic meetings in the Bethel Church near Gatesville, Texas, of which the Rev. W. H. Buening is pastor. The church had prayed for these services for several months preceding, and a fine revival was the happy outcome. On Sunday, Aug. 23, the Rev. W. H. Buening was privileged to baptize fifteen converts, most of whom were young people and boys and girls of the Sunday School. Two others came into the church by confession and another by letter, making a total of 18 persons who were received into the fellowship of the church.

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The Rev. John Mueller, a recent graduate of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York, who was ordained at the Northern Conference held at Leduc, Alberta, on July 11, a report of which appears in this issue of "The Baptist Herald" has responded favorably to the call from the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, where he began his ministry on Sept. 13. A welcome reception for him and his wife was held on Thursday evening, Sept. 17. Mr. Mueller is a son of the pioneer pastor of the Northern Conference, the Rev. F. A. Mueller of Camrose, Alberta, Canada, and a brother of the Rev. Fred W. Mueller of Portland, Oregon.

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On Sunday evening, Sept. 6, the B. Y. P. U. of the Mt. Zion Church in Geary County, Kansas, held "a Denominational Night" in which members of the society represented the various denominational branches and activities. "The Baptist Herald" was ably represented by Mr. Charles Zoschke. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Thomas Lutz wrote that when he and his wife returned from their recent honeymoon trip into North Dakota, they found that the church had placed a congoileum rug in the dining room and soon afterwards were presented with a clock by the church.

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Mrs. F. A. Bloedow, wife of the Rev. F. A. Bloedow, district missionary in Manitoba, Canada, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 2, after a lingering illness of several months. The memorial service with a large audience of friends in attendance was held on Aug. 5 in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Canada, where she was a member since 1921, with the Rev. A. Felberg in charge of the service. Among the four children, who besides their father are sorrowing because of the death of their mother, is the Rev. Wilfred Bloedow, pastor of a Baptist Church in Wisconsin.

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Mr. Gordon Schroeder of Lorraine, Kansas, and Mr. Gustave Gabelman of Dickinson County, Kansas, both graduates of Ottawa University, have entered the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa., beginning with Sept. 21. Professor William Mueller, formerly the pastor of the First German Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., is beginning his service on the faculty of the seminary. At the annual ministers' week held from Sept. 15 to 17 at the seminary the Rev. Charles W. Koller, Th.D., pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., was one of several to address the large audiences.

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The Rev. H. F. Hoops has resigned from the Willow Avenue Baptist Church in Hoboken, N. J., and will complete his work on the field at the close of September after a faithful ministry of five years. Mr. Hoops wrote that he has "no immediate prospect of any service or income, as much as I desire to spend my remaining years fruitfully in the cause of Christ and our denomination. The promise of our heavenly Father, who does know what we have need of, is my only stay for the present." May God guide our pastors who find themselves in such difficult periods of uncertainty!

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On Sunday, Aug. 30, the B. Y. P. U. of the First German Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., conducted the evening service with Mr. Wilmer Hirsch, president, in charge. Among other numbers there were a duet by Margaret Fratzke and Werner Schreiber, a solo by Miss Elfrieda Reeh, and Mr. Rudolph Woyke, who in the meantime has entered the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York as a student, spoke on "The Christian Warfare." Recently the new officers of the B. Y. P. U. were elected with Wilmer Hirsch, president; Marie Schreiber, vice-president; Alvina Woyke, secretary and Calvin Brachlow, treasurer.

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A new quarterly paper, called "The Forward March," is being published for the young people of the Chicago churches and vicinity by the Chicago Jugendbund with Victor Loewen, editor. The newly elected officers as "the Ambassadors of Good Will" are visiting the churches of this section to arouse interest in the Jugendbund activities. They are Roy Anderson, president; Victor Loewen, first vice-president; Gerhard Koch, second vice-president; Ethel Boyer, secretary; Frederick Dons, treasurer, and the Misses Wanda Weideman and Lois Reidhauser, representatives at large. On Friday, Sept. 4, the Jugendbund sponsored a lawn party at the Baptist Girls' Home, and the first rally of the fall

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was held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 29, at the East Side Baptist Church.

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The German Baptist Church of White-mouth, Manitoba, Canada, celebrated its 30th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 30, with large audiences at the three services. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, Illinois, was the morning speaker, having also addressed a young people's gathering on the previous Saturday evening. In the afternoon service after a historical sketch and letters had been read and reminiscences brought by the Rev. J. D. Rempel, a former pastor, the Rev. A. Felberg from the mother church in Winnipeg, brought a message. The pastor of the church, the Rev. E. Bonikowsky, preached his farewell sermon in the evening and was accorded a hearty reception by the audience.

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The Rev. William Kuhn was accorded some festive recognition of his 20 years of service as general missionary secretary of the denomination at almost every conference. He was the recipient of bouquets of flowers, a Bible and warm messages of congratulation on the completion of such a remarkable term of service. These festivities were brought to a climax on Monday evening, Sept. 14, when Mr. Kuhn was pleasantly surprised at the Oak Park Church by a large group of the members of the Chicago churches to render their best wishes to him. After a number of brief messages from representatives of the churches and the general work the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt brought the main address, dealing with his experiences during 15 years of association with Dr. Kuhn and of God's marvelous guidance in their work together.

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Recently a most unusual and festive banquet was arranged and held by the B. Y. P. U. of the Minnetrista Baptist Church near St. Bonifacius, Minn., in honor of three of its young men who are stellar lights on the football field. Sheldon Beise, the newly appointed assistant football coach at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Milton Bruhn, assistant coach of Amherst College in Massachusetts, and Walter Ohde, coach at the Anoka High School, are members of the Minnetrista church in good and faithful standing. Coach Bernie Bierman and Dr. Cook of the famous University of Minnesota football squad were the guest speakers. Sheldon Beise took a prominent part in the recent All Star games held on Soldiers' Field in Chicago and in New York City before tens of thousands of spectators. The Rev. F. H. Heinemann, pastor of the church, is exceedingly proud of his "boys."

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Before a large gathering of friends a reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary by the German Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, on Sunday evening, Aug. 2. Messages of welcome were extended to the new pastor and

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Daily Meditations

By Professor Lewis Kaiser

Sunday, October 4

Counterfeit Religion

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Timothy 3:5.

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Do you know such Christians? They carry with them the outer marks of a godly life, but these are only on the surface. There is no "well within" of living water. They have "a name to live, but are dead." Their religion is counterfeit, bearing a false standard of value on its face.

Prayer: "Thou, O Searcher of hearts, desirest truth in the inward parts. Cleanse our hearts, enlighten our minds, command our wills."

Monday, October 5

What God Wants

"For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." Hosea 6:6.

Read Hosea 6:1-6.

The Israelites thought to please God with the blood of thousands of rams. But Micha proclaimed: "What the Lord requires of thee is to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." And James says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Prayer: "Help us, holy God, to dedicate to thee and to thy service nothing less than our undivided selves. Take us and use us."

Tuesday, October 6

Not Age But Example Is Decisive

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim. 4:12.

Read 1 Timothy 4:7-12.

When coupled with character youth commands respect and wins affection. Not all young people are frivolous and giddy. Some of the finest achievements have been made by those under thirty. Our Master accomplished his brief ministry in early life. As young people copy him, they qualify for strong leadership.

Prayer: "O Lord, may thy Spirit consecrate our youth to lofty aims and noble ambitions."

Wednesday, October 7

Exploiting the Poor

"Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail." Amos 8:4.

Read Amos 8:1-6.

God in his fathomless mercy was al-

Sunday, October 11

The Message of the Potter

"Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand." Jer. 18:6.

Read Jeremiah 18:3-11.

We, too, are in the potter's hand. The heavenly Artist would mould and fashion us into his own divine image. But we are fractious, and again and again we frustrate his purpose. But the potter does not cast the marred vessel aside, but patiently he makes it over again and at last his grace triumphs.

Prayer: "As thou dost fashion our souls, may the image of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, stand out ever more clearly."

Monday, October 12

The Burdens of Others

"Beside these things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches." 2 Cor. 11:28.

Read 2 Corinthians 11:21-33.

"The care of all the churches"—this is the last, but by no means the least, of this long list of Paul's sufferings. What a heroic burden-bearer was the great apostle! His agony for others was like the agony of God. He was a true shepherd. How much the churches were indebted to him for his loving pastoral care!

Prayer: "O thou, who dost suffer in the afflictions of thy people, forgive us that we are so often cold and callous to the sufferings and needs of our fellow-Christians."

Tuesday, October 13

The Father is Guide

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Prov. 3:6.

Read Proverbs 3:6-12.

The father and his small son, while waiting for a train in a strange city, started to walk hand in hand down the main street and away from the depot. Realizing that the lad did not know where he was going, the father asked him: "Where are you going, my boy?" The lad replied, "I do not know, but you do." He was not concerned so long as his father was his guide.

Prayer: "O Father in heaven, be thou my guide and I shall never miss the goal."

Wednesday, October 14

Knowledge Through Obedience

"If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching." (American Revised Version). John 7:17.

Read John 7:14-24.

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ways on the side of the needy and the oppressed. The prophets spoke in burning words against the exploitation of the helpless poor. And Jesus denounced the greedy Pharisees, who under the cloak of religion robbed defenseless widows of house and home.

Prayer: "Gracious Father, give us an abiding sense of justice and compassionate hearts toward those in distress and need."

Thursday, October 8

No Easy Road

"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12.

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17.

After all, the path of the godly is not one of roses. If we truly seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and try to live up to the principles of Jesus, many will rise up against us. In our fight with the spirit of the world we shall often be wounded, even though in the end we triumph.

Prayer: "Be thou, mighty God, our shield and defense in our struggle with the enemies of our souls."

Friday, October 9

Teachers Transfigured

"And they that be wise (teachers) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

Read Daniel 12:1-4.

Happy are they who are loyal to the truth and who lead the wayward into the path of righteousness! They shall be transfigured into the brightness of the sun and into the unfading brilliancy of the stars. The candle of wisdom that God lights can never be quenched. It shines forever.

Prayer: "What a gracious promise, dear Lord! As we remain loyal to thee and to thy truth, we shall shine in thy glory forever and ever."

Saturday, October 10

The Mind Rightly Centered

"Set your affection (mind) on things above, not on things on the earth." Col. 3:2.

Read Colossians 3:1-7.

The word "affection" here may be rendered "mind." "Set your mind on things above"—that is, Christ, for "ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God." Our lives will then have the right focus and direction. Then "when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we shall also appear with him in glory."

Prayer: "Save us, dear Lord, from the sinful aberrations of our minds, for the things of earth are ever luring us away from the things above."

BEAUTY for ASHES

by Grace Livingston Hill

SYNOPSIS

After a terrifying night, in which Vanna was barely able to escape from impending danger and had made her way home through the darkness and the drenching rain of the night, she was found early in the morning by Bob Carroll who had been looking for her with anxious spirit. As God brought these two together, they confided their love to each other with rapturous spirit, and Vanna further told Bob about the surrender of her heart to Christ. Finally, back in the welcome warmth of the house where she and Gloria were staying, Vanna told her friends and sister the story of her harrowing experiences, since she had left the village during the preceding afternoon.

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"Well, that's about all except the rescue," continued Vanna thoughtfully, her eyes turning toward Robert with a strange sweet light. "I found after a time that it must be Ripley I was in, and I felt my way across the road, but the drug store seemed to have retired from active business and there were no lights anywhere. Remembering certain relatives of mine and their dislike of gossip I naturally refrained from waking any honest Ripleyites and asking them to telephone my friends. I wasn't sure I was on the right road but I started out to find out, and then the storm came up and I lost the heel off one slipper, and then I lost the slipper itself, and had to take off the other one to keep my balance in the dark. When I saw the lights of a car I was afraid it was Emory Zane." Vanna was serious now. "So I hid in the bushes and tried to pray. I thought that was what you all would do. Then, when the car stopped I was terrified and I had to depend on God for myself then. I never had any use for people who came to God out of fear, but I guess He took me, so my pride doesn't matter any more."

There was a hush over the little party now till Murray spoke suddenly to Robert:

"Boy! It's a good thing you went home instead of staying with me!"

"And I guess that's about all there is to tell—tonight—isn't it, Robert?"

Vanna's eyes sought Robert's and he gave her a rare smile.

"All that's going to be told tonight, lady," said Robert rising alertly, "for now I'm going to carry you up to your bed, and you're going to get a much needed sleep. Murray, you bring that hot water bag! Gloria, you and Emily

get her tucked up as quick as you can, and see that she sleeps till noon at least tomorrow, and longer if you can manage it!"

Stooping, the tall fellow gathered Vanna as if she had been a child, and trailing a superfluous blanket in his wake, carried her lightly upstairs and laid her on her bed. Gloria and the rest were coming on behind, Murray bringing up the rear with the hot water bag and pillow.

So in a few minutes Vanna lay upon her own soft bed, with silence sweet about her, for the storm had slackened, and a sense of forgiveness and well being upon her soul such as she never remembered to have felt before.

Presently as the house sank away to a belated rest, she thought of Robert's arms about her, and his lips against hers. It was enough to give her peace and deep, deep joy.

The future, like a door open into another day, was there inviting her thought, but she would not glance that way now. Her heart was at rest, such rest as she had not hoped ever to know. There might be perplexing questions, adjustments, unpleasant discussions to pass through ere her love could come to its consummation, there certainly would have to be changed standards, concessions, sacrifices, and perhaps a certain kind of suffering that she did not yet understand, but it was enough now that Robert Carroll loved her and she loved him.

Perhaps, too, she vaguely saw in their love for one another, a seal, a shadow, a picture of another deeper, higher love that ran beneath and above it all. A something settled forever between her soul and Robert's God, something that she did not yet understand, but a something that cast out fear and gave her soul a sense of being cleansed and made fit in spite of sins and mistakes, and indifference of the past. Yet she sensed that she must walk softly all the rest of her days if she would hope to keep the deep underlying delight in her heart.

The storm had cleared away and the sun shot up all golden next morning as if the night before had been a sweet still time of rest.

Of course they all slept later than usual but habit is a queer thing, and the sunlight in a big quiet room a wonderful alarm clock.

Gloria awoke first and lay quiet thinking how happy she was that Vanna was safely back, wasting a few minutes of anger against the man who had made all the trouble for them. Yet, she reflected, it had been a good thing. Vanna

had only confessed herself in the wrong, her account last night had made it plain that she was pretty well disillusioned about Emory Zane, and best of all, it seemed that Vanna had entered on the new life along with herself.

She lay awhile listening to the quiet morning sounds of creatures waking to the light, calling for their needs, unaccustomedly delayed by sleepy keepers. She heard Emily and John go downstairs, identified the flutter of wings and cackles of satisfaction a bit later as the poultry were being fed. Then her mind went back to Emory Zane again. What had become of him? Had he had to spend the night in hunting for Vanna?

And when he arrived what should she do? Could she prevent his seeing Vanna? She decided that she would make it her business to do that. He seemed to have some strange baleful influence over Vanna, and she would protect her!

She did not know that Vanna now was protected by a new love that utterly shut out such as Emory Zane forever from her life. So she lay and planned and worried, and finally stole out of bed, dressing silently, and went downstairs. She was determined to get Murray, or perhaps both Murray and Robert Carroll to hang around the house during the morning so that she need not meet Emory Zane single-handed. Not that she expected he would dare do anything high-handed. But just the idea of him was horrible to her. She wanted Emory Zane if he came at all to find that they were not two unprotected girls alone at his mercy. He would undoubtedly use smooth words. He was glib and had a rich vocabulary, a telling way with him, and eyes that could lure and deceive. As she thought of it more and more Gloria boiled with wrath at the way he had treated her sister.

So when the telephone finally did ring Gloria was ready for it, and out on the front porch sat Murray MacRae ready to give her moral or physical support of whichever kind she should stand in need.

The voice that came over the wire was unmistakably Emory Zane, haughty, demanding, insolent. He wished to speak with Miss Vanna Sutherland. How sure he was that she had reached home!

"Who is calling?" asked Gloria in a chilly voice.

"Emory Zane speaking," came the answer in a smug tone.

"Wait a moment," Gloria stepped back from the instrument and laid down the receiver. Should she let Vanna know, or should she carry it through herself?

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She went slowly, thoughtfully out on the porch where Murray sat. They had been talking the matter over in low tones, and she had told him what she knew of Zane.

"He is on the phone," she said when she reached him, "ought I to let Vanna know? What shall I say to him?"

Murray looked at her and answered, after an instant's thought:

"I guess she will have to know, won't she? After all she will be the one who will have the ultimate world."

Gloria hurried upstairs and peeked quietly into the room but saw at once that her sister was awake.

"Is that Emory Zane on the telephone?" she asked sharply.

"Yes," said Gloria, "he wants to talk with you. Shall I tell him you are not able?"

"No," said Vanna with a decisive lifting of her chin, "you can tell him I do not wish to speak with him, now, or at any other time."

Gloria drew a long breath of relief and turning sped downstairs. She did not wish to give her sister time to qualify that message. She did not know that Vanna would never qualify that message now.

"This is Gloria Sutherland!" she announced crisply. "My sister does not wish to speak with you."

There was an instant's silence and then the man's voice spoke in angry tones.

"Is Vanna there? Is she in the room with you? Tell her to come to the phone at once! I have something important to tell her."

"My sister does not wish to speak with you, Mr. Zane!" repeated Gloria calmly. "Look here, Gloria—" said the man irritably.

"Miss Sutherland, please," said Gloria freezingly, "I am not Gloria to you."

"Well, Miss Sutherland, then, if you must have it," said the impatient voice, "will you kindly tell your sister that I must speak with her at once? There is an explanation due her of course, and I can give it, message from your mother she does not understand yet—"

"My sister does not wish to speak to you either now or at any other time!" said Gloria decisively.

"How unfair to refuse a man the opportunity to explain—"

"There is no possible explanation for what you have done, Mr. Zane," Gloria's voice was final.

"You to be the judge, of course," sneered the angry man. "Have I got to drive over there to get my rights?"

"It would not do you any good to drive over," said Gloria sweetly. "My sister will not see you if you come!" and she hung up the receiver.

"That's fine," said Murray eagerly as she turned back to the porch. "I couldn't help hearing what you said of course, and now I think the best thing we can do is take Vanna away somewhere so if he comes he won't find anybody at home. We'll just give the tip to the Hastings and they needn't go to

the door unless they choose. I'd rather horsewhip him of course," he added with a grin, "but perhaps silence and absence will do just as well and save trouble for everybody, for if I once—if we—for I know Bob would want to be in on it—if we once began on him there wouldn't be much left to tell the tale. But I suppose it would be better to clear out and leave him to a higher Judge. Suppose you ask Vanna if it will suit her to go, and I'll call up Bob. We ought to get away from here in ten minutes to make sure we don't run into him. Can you make it?"

Gloria hurried up stairs and found her sister nearly dressed. She listened to the plan eagerly.

"That will be grand!" she said. "I don't ever want to see that man again. Oh, you don't know. Some time I'll tell you all he said! Not now. I don't want to spoil the day!" and there was such a light in Vanna's eyes as she spoke that Gloria eyed her with surprised delight and hurried down to tell Murray they would be ready.

Emily was interested at once.

"He won't get anything out of me," she said with a firm setting of her lips. "But here, Vanna's had no breakfast. I'll bring her a glass of milk and fix a sandwich she can eat on the way. Then you can find a nice place to get dinner along the way. When you come back tell the boys to take the back pasture road. If the coast is clear I'll hang a sheet out of the back chamber window. If he is hanging around waiting, or coming back again I'll put out a red blanket. Then you can go away again if necessary and come back later. If it gets dark I'll put a light in that back window when it's all right. Now run along and have a good time. It's a lovely day, and for pity's sake, if anything happens to make you late, call up. We don't want an excitement two nights running."

Fifteen minutes later in the big comfortable Sutherland car they were driving over a back mud road that led across the mountain, a winding way that a stranger would never find, and the haste and excitement of their departure gave a thrill to the expedition that made it all the pleasanter.

The day was perfect, and the four friends, after the experiences of the night before, felt as if their comradeship was all the closer and more precious. Also there was an undertone of deep joy in all their hearts which showed now and then as they spoke of the meetings, and especially of the meeting the night before. There was a spirit of accord and sympathy that had not been before, a greater freedom in the way the young men spoke of spiritual things, an evident looking to the girls for interest. They spoke of one young boy who had made a decision for Christ the night before, and Vanna astonished them by saying: "Oh, I'm so glad! He was the one you had been praying for, wasn't he, Robert?"

Gloria who had been present the night before and watched the struggle of the

new convert before he actually surrendered, and who had been deeply impressed, looked at her sister in amazement. Was this Vanna, talking like that?

They drove on the mountain top a good deal of the time till they reached a height where they could look off in the distance to the blue sea.

"Some day we'll drive over to the shore," said Murray. "It's not such a long drive if you start at daylight. You can make it before noon, picnic on the shore, take a swim, then come home by moonlight!" and he smiled at Gloria.

"That would be wonderful!" said both the girls in chorus.

"How Brand would love it up here!" said Vanna suddenly. "Poor Brand! He's having a tough time of it this summer. His best friend has gone to Europe and Dad wouldn't let him go along. He thought he was too young for that sort of thing without the family. Mother's worried a lot about his being home this summer, wanted to send him to a camp, but he thinks he's too old for that and so he is staying home running around with all sorts, and I don't believe it's being any too good for him."

"We must get him up here!" said Robert. "Would he come?"

"I think he'd love it!" said Gloria. "We haven't seen much of Brand these last four years, he's been off at military school, and I feel as if he was almost a stranger."

"We'll have to see what we can do about getting him up here," said Robert with a glance at Vanna that brought the glad light to her eyes, and the color to her cheeks. How wonderful it was going to be to have someone who was always interested in what was dear to her!

They found a pleasant place to take dinner, in a little wayside village, a big white house labeled "TEA ROOM."

After lunch they started back home another way.

"We'll show them the falls, shall we Murray?" said Robert.

So they presently penetrated a deep sweet wood and parked their car away from the road in a thicket.

The ground was paved with pine needles, and when they had gone to the brow of the hill where the way sloped down, and an opening in the wood gave vision of rocks and a waterfall below they stood to look and admire and exclaim.

"You have to go down the hill to get the full beauty of the falls," said Murray. "Shall we go, Gloria?"

"Oh, yes," said Gloria.

"I believe I'm lazy," said Vanna. "Would you mind if I just sat down here and watched awhile?"

"I'm lazy too," smiled Robert dropping down by her side. "We can see all the falls we need right from here, children. You go on down and enjoy yourselves."

So Murray slid his arm within Gloria's, sliding his hand along to hold her hand firmly, and support her elbow, and close together they went gaily on

down the slippery way until the plump pines hid them from view. The two sitting at the top of the hill watched and smiled, and drew nearer together.

"Darling, isn't it all wonderful!" said Robert, looking at Vanna earnestly. "You're not sorry, are you?"

"Sorry?" said Vanna turning a gorgeous look upon her lover. "Do I look sorry?" Then she buried her glowing face in the shoulder he offered.

"I've been wondering," said Robert, reaching out for Vanna's hand and gathering it close in his, "how soon are we supposed to tell our wonderful news to the world? Isn't it up to me to go down and see your father right away? I've been quaking at the thought, for what will he think of my presumption?"

"Father's not hard to meet," smiled Vanna. "and he's quite simple in his requirements. Mother's the hard one to please, but she generally succumbs to the inevitable. But, I've been thinking, Dad ought to be up here pretty soon. He promised me when I came that he would get away as soon as he could. We might keep it to ourselves till he comes. Or maybe I'll just tell Gloria? What do you think?"

"And Murray? Or would you rather not?"

"Oh, yes, of course, Murray!"

And while they sat leaning against a great tree trunk heaped over with pine needles discussing their precious secret, Gloria and Murray passed out of sight, down where the water was falling musically among the rocks, and moss and ferns grew everywhere, fringing the pool.

They found a mossy bank where hemlocks draped the entrance and sat down close together, looking up to the blue overhead, looking across to the waterfall that plunged over the great smooth rocks, listening to the drip of the water and the note of a far bird.

"This would be a lovely place to read the rest of that chapter you began on yesterday," suggested Gloria resting her elbows on her knees and her chin in her hands.

Murray swept her a covert endearing glance and pulled his Testament out of his pocket. Soon they were deep into the greatest book in the world. Shoulder to shoulder they sat, their heads bent together, almost touching, the brown head and the gold with glints of sun upon them, touching them, each holding a side of the book, fingers glancing and touching now and again when the pages were turned a thrill of wonder passing from one to the other, till finally a tender silence fell with only the tinkling of the water and the drowsy song of distant birds for a background of their thoughts, thoughts that had been busy with questions of eternal values.

Their hands were still holding the book, close together, and there was sweet awareness of the contact, as if some power beyond their own volition was bringing their souls in closer touch. Gloria sat still and held her breath at the sweetness of the moment, not dar-

ing to move lest she break the dear spell, lest she should make him think she shrank from his touch, of which he seemed not perhaps to have noticed. Dear, this was, precious dear, something delicately beautiful that she had not known before. She was afraid to stir, to think, lest it would be gone, and she wanted to hide it deep in her memory when a barren time might come.

But then he turned his gaze which had been out across the valley to the dim blue hills of the distance, and looked tenderly into her eyes, intimately.

"Isn't it sweet," he said, "to read His word together this way?"

"Oh, it is!" she answered him, a lovely light in her eyes.

He kept his look on her with that reverent intimate loving gaze, and slowly, softly without seeming scarcely to move, his hand beside hers stole about her hand. The thrill of that clasp brought the sweet color into her face, and a light into her eyes he had never seen there before. Then as he still looked deep into her eyes they two seemed to be drawn together by some invisible bond till their lips met.

"I love you, Gloria!" he whispered putting his other arm about her and drawing her close to his breast. "Oh, I love you, my dear! My dear!"

The little book was between them now, her hand in his, holding it. It seemed a lovely omen. She smiled as she lifted her lips to answer his kiss once more, and for a little while they forgot everything else but their two selves.

But presently Murray slipped the book back into his pocket and set their hands both free, and taking her face in his hands lifted it and kissed her eyelids, and the lovely spot on her forehead where the gold hair curled away in little rings.

"But you haven't told me whether you can ever love me," he said suddenly, holding her face back tiptilted so he could look deep into her eyes again.

"Oh, you know I do!" she whispered and reached her lips to his again.

"My beautiful!" he murmured, drawing her close again.

Suddenly Gloria raised her head and her hand stole back into his.

"Murray," she said softly. "this is so sweet I can't bear to break in upon it with a word, but—"

"What is it, sweet?" he answered tenderly, a note of apprehension breaking into his voice. "Have I been too soon? Have I jumped in where angels fear to tread? Don't be afraid to tell me, dear! I would rather know the truth."

"No, no, it is nothing like that," she said bringing her other hand up to stroke his cheek softly. "No, I am glad, glad! So glad you love me and I love you. But there is something about me that you ought to know. I should have told you before, only—I never dreamed there would be any reason why it should matter. I didn't dream of this wonderful thing coming."

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gives one ability to discern truth. The mind that is subject to God is illumined by his Spirit. Not mental keenness so much as an eager, wholehearted submission to the divine will is the main condition of learning God's purposes and ways.

Prayer: "We thank thee, gracious Father, for the many opportunities of testing thy word in actual life. To know thee is to love thee."

Thursday, October 15

The Supreme Object of Love

"Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deut. 6:5.

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-13.

History records many romantic examples of human love glorified by heroic deeds. But the noblest places are reserved for those who have made the love of God supreme in their lives and have wrought memorable deeds in his name. Such a realization of holy love is within the reach of us all.

Prayer: "Our Father and Lord, we crave that love that ennobles all of our powers. In loving thee wholeheartedly we are made strong in holy and helpful deeds."

Friday, October 16

The Habit of Prayer

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:15-23.

"To pray without ceasing" may be interpreted as the habit of prayer—not in the sense of endless, parrotlike repetition of prayers, but of continued fellowship with God, something like the intimate relationship between mother and child. Prayer, then, becomes the closest bond between us and our adorable Master. Yes, prayer is then the very breath of the life of our souls!

Prayer: "We need thee every hour, our gracious Lord. Hence our hearts reach out to thee in ceaseless prayer. Be thou ever near."

Saturday, October 17

Joy At Daybreak

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5.

Read Psalm 30.

As the night, so sorrow gives way before the dawn of a new day. The morning brings comfort and joy, revival of courage and faith. Such was the experience of the disciples of old, when after a night of fruitless toil, they saw, at the break of day, Jesus on the beach. And that is often our experience, too!

Prayer: "O God of mercy, may the hope of the promised dawn support us in the long night of tears and anguish."

Reports from the Field

Central Conference

Report of the Central Conference Sessions Held at Gladwin, Mich.

One of the most unique sessions of the Central Conference was held with the church at Gladwin, Mich., from Sept. 1 to 6. It was unique, because of the fact that a country church had the courage, faith and ambition to extend an invitation to the largest conference in our denomination and to make a success of it. The Rev. P. F. Schilling and his flock accomplished a work which many a city church with the best of facilities for entertaining would be hesitant to undertake. The church is seven miles from the town of Gladwin, which has about 1200 inhabitants. The sessions during the day were held in the artistic stone church in the country and all the evening and Sunday meetings in the town hall. This necessitated driving back and forth between these two meeting places, giving welcome relaxation and change. We could leave the atmosphere of business and routine seven miles behind and come to the evening services greatly refreshed.

The opening session on Tuesday evening Sept. 1, was in charge of the local pastor, Mr. Schilling, who gave us a warm welcome. This was seconded by the mayor's representative, who was president of the Chamber of Commerce. The response was given by the moderator of the conference the Rev. J. A. Pankratz. Music was furnished by the Junior and Mixed Choirs of the Gladwin church. The opening message was delivered by Rev. J. Leyboldt of Cleveland on the theme, "Spiritual Foundations." Wednesday morning was devoted to organization, elections and reports. An encouraging feature of these reports was the increase in contributions over 1935 and 1934. In the afternoon we listened to a most interesting and challenging address by the Rev. Carl Fuell on the work in the Danubian countries. He said the opposition to the Baptist work comes from the state itself. The State Church accuses our ministers of being "Reds" and disturbers of the peace, and persecution is the result. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, our general secretary, delivered a fine message in the evening on "Give Ye Them To Eat."

Thursday forenoon, Sept. 3, brought us a report by Mr. H. P. Donner on our publications. "The Baptist Herald" is being published at a loss of 30c each and being published at a loss of \$1,030.00. A strong appeal was made to boost this paper among our young people. It ought to be in every one of our Baptist homes. A paper, "The Minister as Educator," was read by the Rev. G. Hensel of Kankakee, which was followed by a very inspiring informal message on "The Place of Music in the Church" by Prof. H. von Berge. A

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE CHICAGO HOME FOR THE AGED

The annual bazaar of the Ladies' Aid Societies of the German Baptist Churches of Chicago and vicinity for the benefit of the Western German Baptist Old People's Home will be held on Thursday, October 15, at the Home, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The hearty cooperation of all interested friends in the form of financial or material gifts is solicited. They may be delivered personally or sent by mail. Many worth while things will be on sale at the bazaar. Meals will be served at 12 o'clock noon and at 6 o'clock in the evening.

A program will be presented in the Humboldt Park Church in the evening to which all are heartily invited.

Mrs. Julia W. Deutschman,
Secretary.

second address was given on Saturday on the "Technique of Worship" which gave many helpful suggestions how music can help to create a worshipful atmosphere and beautify the necessary mechanics of a worship service. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Jacob Speicher, for over 40 years a missionary in Swatow, China, gave a very interesting address to the members of the Women's Missionary Union. The evening address on "German American Baptists Going Forward" was brought by the Rev. A. F. Runtz of Peoria, Ill. Music for the business and devotional services was rendered by Miss Marie Hensel, Mr. Arthur Thom, Mr. Fred Stier, and the Rev. Max Mittelstedt, with Mrs. Mittelstedt serving as pianist.

A thoughtful and provocative discussion was presented on Friday, Sept. 4 by the following pastors: Max Mittelstedt of Cleveland, L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph and W. C. Damrau of Alpena. The themes treated by them, respectively were: "What is the Christian Church?" "How Can the Church Serve the Individual?" and "How Can the Church Serve the Community?" In the evening the young people's banquet was held in the town hall and 200 people were served a fine chicken dinner. The speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Wm. Hoover of the Connors Avenue Church, Detroit, who spoke on "Fits and Misfits."

On Saturday afternoon the delegates and visitors drove out to Wilson Park for bathing and recreation. It was an ideal day, as all the conference days had been. When the day had been well spent we gathered in the pavilion and sang

many of the old gospel hymns which attracted many of the tourists who had come to the park with their cars and trailers to spend the day.

The last day of the conference opened with a general Sunday School session at which the Rev. H. Pfeifer of Bay City spoke in German and the Rev. G. Hensel in English. Several brief addresses were also given by the visiting superintendents. The morning worship service was conducted in German at which the Rev. L. Gassner of Benton Harbor spoke on "The Great Commission."

On Sunday afternoon the Young People's Rally was held under the leadership of the president Mr. Ed Strauss of Detroit. The Rev. Robert Divine of Detroit spoke on "The Four Steps to Power." The evening and closing session of the conference was under the direction of the Rev. E. G. Kliese, the newly elected moderator. The speakers of the evening were the Rev. J. E. Knechtel who spoke in German on "We Have a King," and the Rev. F. L. Strobel in English on "The Unfinished Task." This was followed by a candle-light memorial service with the solemn lighting of 76 candles on a cross, held in memory of those who had departed during the last year. The Rev. E. Baumgartner of Dayton had charge of this impressive service. He also served as the broadcaster every evening, giving a resume of the transactions during the day and making important announcements. This feature was very much worth while.

We express our gratitude to the members and friends of the Gladwin Church for their kind hospitality and their sacrificial services, the memory of which will linger with us for many days.

GEORGE HENSEL, Reporter.

Lawn Party of the Chicago Jugendbund

On Friday, Sept. 4, the first get-together of the Chicago Jugendbund took place as a lawn party at the Girls' Home. Approximately 100 young people were present.

We all had a delightful time and had perfect weather for the occasion. The exterior decorations, Chinese lanterns and lighted trees certainly made an attractive scene and lent enchantment to the party. Our president, Roy Anderson, and vice-president, Victor Loewen, were the welcoming committee and also provided amusing entertainment for all of us.

A real treat of the evening, however, was second helpings for everybody of maple-nut-walnut, chocolate and vanilla ice cream and home made cake!

We were, indeed, grateful for the gracious hospitality of Miss Brinkman, superintendent, and the young women of the Chicago Girls' Home.

MARION KLEINDIENST, Reporter.

Northern Conference Inspirational Concert at Wiesen- thal, Alberta

On Sunday, August 30, the members and friends of the three German Baptist churches in Wiesenenthal and Wetaskiwin were gathered together in the church at Wiesenenthal for a musical concert. The band and orchestra of Wiesenenthal the male chorus of the First Church in Wetaskiwin and the mixed choir of the Second Church in the same town rendered the fine program. The leader was Arthur Smith, president of the young people's society of the Wiesenenthal Church.

Musical numbers were rendered by the orchestra and band and the several choirs. We were led in prayer by several including Raymond Dickau and the three Sunday School superintendents, Ed Dickau, Mr. Littmann and Dan Pahl. The Rev. Fred Benke of Wetaskiwin spoke briefly on Philippians 2:7. Three other speakers addressed us on "Music in the Old Testament," "Music in the New Testament" and "Is Singing Still a Blessing Today?" The president Arthur Smith, also said a few words. The orchestra and band brought the inspirational service to a close.

LYDIA TIEDE, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. John Mueller at Leduc, Alberta

In response to the call by the German Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta the delegates to the Northern Conference at Leduc, Alberta, gathered together on Saturday afternoon, July 11, as an ordination council to examine Mr. John Mueller, a member of the Camrose church. Prof. A. Bretschneider was elected chairman and the Rev. A. Felberg secretary of the council.

Mr. Mueller brought a clear testimony as to his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views. With great joy the large assembled body of delegates voted to recommend to the Camrose church that it proceed with the ordination service, which occurred that same evening.

The Rev. B. Jacksteit delivered the ordination sermon. The climax of the ordination service was reached as the Rev. F. A. Mueller, father of the candidate, offered the ordination prayer and besought God's blessing upon his son's ministry. Dr. Wm. Kuhn brought the charge to the candidate with the inspiring challenge to preach the Word of God. The entire service was in charge of the Rev. A. Kraemer. The Rev. A. Kujath read the Scripture passage, Rev. J. Luebeck offered the invocation prayer, and the Rev. H. Schatz welcomed Mr. Mueller into the ranks of the ministry. The Ministers' Choir sang two appropriate numbers, whereupon the Rev. John Mueller pronounced the benediction.

May God bless Mr. Mueller in his ministry in the service of the King as he undertakes his first pastorate as minister of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. A. FELBERG, Sec'y.

Report of the Alberta Tri-Union Convention

As young people and Sunday School workers of Alberta we look forward with a great deal of anticipation to our annual get-together, which is known as the Tri-Union Convention. This year we convened with the church at Glory Hill, Alberta, from July 30 to August 2.

At the opening service on Thursday evening, July 30, the seating capacity of the large tent, in which we gathered, was taxed to capacity. The many delegates and visitors were received with hearty words of welcome by the Rev. G. W. Rutsch, pastor of the local church. The Rev. H. Schatz of Camrose and Forestburg inspired us with his message on "Humility Before the Lord."

We were ably led in our morning devotions by Reuben Kern of the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Frieda Weissner of Camrose. We also enjoyed listening to the sermons by the Reverends Phil. Daum and G. Beutler on "What We Aim to Do" and "Spirit-filled Youth," respectively. The Rev. A. Kujath of Calgary and the Rev. F. W. Benke of Wetaskiwin answered the question, "What Constitutes a Working Sunday School?" and the Rev. H. Schatz spoke on "What Shall Christian Young People Sing?" The Rev. A. Kraemer in his usual fine manner conducted an instructive Bible study while the Rev. F. W. Benke and the Rev. A. Kujath brought messages of consecration on Saturday evening in the English and German languages respectively.

The beautiful Sunday morning filled our hearts with thanksgiving and made us conscious of Him who is the Giver of all that is good and perfect. In this frame of mind we attended a large Sunday School addressed by Mr. Ernest Boetscher from Bethel, Miss Frances Kary from Craigmyle and Mr. Roland Jespersen from Glory Hill. Following this a service was held devoted to missions, at which the Rev. F. W. Benke preached the sermon based on John 4:35.

Our meetings were brought to a fitting close on Sunday afternoon, when the Rev. A. Kujath challenged all those present to become in word and in deed more like him whom we call Lord and Master!

In the business meeting the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: Rev. Phil Daum, president; Mr. Leonard Jaspersen, vice-president; Miss Frances Kary, secretary; and Mr. Arthur Schmitt, treasurer. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch will serve as the director of young people's activities, the Rev. F. W. Benke as director of Sunday School work, and the Rev. H. Schatz as director of music. We pray God's blessing upon our officers and ourselves that we may seek only to do his will!

MARY SCHMITKE, Reporter.

Celebration in Honor of the Rev. A. Kraemer's 25th Anniversary In the Ministry

Tuesday evening, August 11, marked an event of outstanding interest at our

church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. The mixed choir, male chorus and the B. Y. P. U. joined the church in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ordination into the Christian ministry of our pastor, the Rev. August Kraemer, who has been with us in Edmonton for 10 years.

It was indeed a surprised pastor who with his wife arrived at the church to attend a young people's meeting to find an overcrowded church and to be welcomed by the singing of a hymn of praise. The meeting was in charge of Walter Schultz, president of the male choir, who was assisted by Emil Zielke, who led the singing.

It was a pleasure to have with us for this occasion the Rev. F. W. Benke of Wetaskiwin who offered a prayer and brought a plea for God's future guidance, following which Mr. Carl Zielke, honorary deacon, extended congratulations to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Kraemer on behalf of the church. On behalf of the various branches of our church the following members brought their felicitations: Mr. E. Nelner for the Sunday School; Mrs. E. Wilchinski for the Ladies' Aid Society; Mr. E. Zielke for the mixed choir; Mr. W. Schultz for the male choir, and Mr. C. Zielke for the B. Y. P. U. The essence of their felicitations was an expression of gratitude to Mr. Kraemer for the personal interest which he has shown in the development of each group.

The Rev. F. W. Benke reviewed the duties of a successful pastor, pointing out that the chief one was "to win souls for Christ." He placed before us the fine qualities which Mr. Kraemer possesses that enable him to carry on this great work. We were also privileged to have with us on this occasion Mr. Reuben Kern of Leduc, a student in our German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. He challenged us to bury our individuality in Christ, for then we would be better equipped to unite with our pastor in the great task of soul saving.

After being favored with a dialogue, it was our privilege to hear Mr. Kraemer. After expressing his gratitude for the many greetings and congratulations, he gave us a brief history of his 25 years of service in the Lord's work. He made a special appeal to the young people to so that the Lord's promises might be fulfilled in our individual lives. He said that he felt it was the Lord's will that he came to Canada and that it was his desire to devote his entire life to Christ's leadership.

L. P. BORCHERT, Reporter.

Dakota Conference Summer Events At Eureka, S. D.

During the summer months we had the student pastor, Mr. J. C. Gunst, in our church in Eureka, South Dakota. He served four other stations besides Eureka. A choir composed of 17 members, which for the present is under the direction of Mr. Alex Mehlhaff, was or-

ganized a few months ago and has done a splendid work.

The dedication of our new basement and the welcome to our pastor proved to be quite successful early in the summer with a large attendance at the three services. The 50th anniversary of the church was held in June. A Daily Vacation Bible School of two weeks held the interest of 17 children and three young ladies, after which a program was rendered and a picnic enjoyed by all.

The Ladies' Aid Society has been at work during the summer months. At its last meeting it gave our pastor, Mr. Gunst, a farewell party. A B. Y. P. U. was to be organized, but conditions made that impossible. We hope to accomplish this during the coming months.

E. ELIA FENCHTNER, Reporter.

B. Y. P. U. Rally of Four Central North Dakota Churches

Sunday, August 30, was a "Red Letter Day" in the history of four Baptist Young People's Unions which will linger long in the memories of their members and friends. The four societies of Anamoose, Berlin, Martin and Lincoln Valley gathered at the Peter Frueh grove, which is located near the Berlin Church, for an enjoyable afternoon and evening. Friends and members of the four societies turned out in large numbers and the program, under the able leadership of Gilbert Derman of the Anamoose Society, was a great success.

The afternoon meeting was opened with musical numbers by the different societies. The main topic of discussion for the service was "the Blessing of the B. Y. P. U." which was divided into four ten minute talks with each society assigned one of the topics. The first subject, "In What Way is the B. Y. P. U. a Blessing to the Individual?" was discussed by Mrs. G. G. Rauser for the Berlin society. The second topic, "In What Way is the B. Y. P. U. a Blessing to the Church?" was well presented by Emil Wagner of the Lincoln Valley society. The third "In What Way is the B. Y. P. U. a Blessing to the Community?" was given by Gottfried Kurzweg of the Anamoose society. The fourth, "What Are My Responsibilities Toward the B. Y. P. U.?" was given by Harold the B. Y. P. U. of the Martin society.

Recreation in the afternoon consisted of a three inning Bible baseball game between the Anamoose-Lincoln and the Martin-Berlin groups. Questions were pitched from the eighth and ninth chapters of Acts and the game was as exciting as a world series baseball game.

The evening program was opened with singing and musical numbers by all the societies. The Rev. G. G. Rauser of Martin addressed the group with a brief sermon in the German language. For the rest of the evening the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Anamoose was in charge and a bonfire program was enjoyed by all.

May the blessing of our Lord rest upon the things being done in our vicinity to glorify and praise his holy Name!

HAROLD D. MICHELSON, Reporter.

Missionary Sunday School At Wasco, California



Farewell for the Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Gruhn at Missoula

On Friday evening, August 28, the German Baptist church of Missoula, Montana, succeeded in surprising the Rev. C. A. Gruhn and his wife with a farewell service, since Mr. Gruhn's pastorate was to come to a close with the 31st of August.

Mr. Heinle took charge of the meeting. After he had spoken kind words of recognition on behalf of the church, Mr. Herbert Schmaltz did so for the young people's society and Mrs. Philip Zotnick in the name of the Ladies' Aid Society. The latter society, of which Mrs. Gruhn is the president, presented her with a valuable blanket. Mr. Gruhn received a durable pocket Bible from the church. Special singing and short addresses by a number of the church members and friends made the time pass altogether too quickly. The attendance was unusually large. Even several members of the Brady church, which is nearly 300 miles away, were present.

On Sunday, August 30, the Rev. C. A. Gruhn had the pleasure of baptizing a young woman and before the Lord's Supper in the evening he was permitted to extend the hand of fellowship to two married couples besides the woman, who had been baptized. Mr. Gruhn does not intend to leave Missoula. He resigned in order to let a younger man take the responsibility of leading the churches in western Montana in the future. The Rev. Emanuel Bibelheimer, who accepted the call of the Missoula and Pablo churches, began his pastorate here on Sunday, Sept. 13. The prospects, especially for the Missoula church, are exceptionally good for the future. May God grant his blessing that our hopes may be realized!

Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Successful Missionary Sunday School at Wasco, California

The Fellowship Class of the German Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., has a membership of about 25, most of whom are young married people. It is one of the aims of the class to help the church and the community in missionary work, either financially or by personal efforts. At our business meeting we discuss matters of general importance and devote part of our time to special subjects. On

one occasion a member spoke about the fact that so many children were roaming and playing in the streets when Sunday School was in session. After much discussion on the subject, it was decided to see what could be done to help these children gain some knowledge of the Word of God.

At the next regular class meeting we had over 150 names on the list of those who were willing to come. It was decided to make this Sunday School interdenominational in order to get as many children as possible. We asked permission of the deacons and trustees for the use of the church annex, which was gladly given. Ten members of the class volunteered their cars and services in gathering the children from the different districts.

The class elected Mr. Dan Wedel as superintendent of this Missionary Sunday School. The class president, Henry Ifland, was elected vice superintendent; Mrs. Ed Panter, pianist, and Mrs. Villegas, secretary. A committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wedel, Mr. Henry Ifland and our pastor, the Rev. Fred Klein, was selected to study "the Life of Christ" in the gospel of John, to be used as lessons in this mission work.

The Fellowship Class has bought more than a hundred New Testaments, so that each child might receive one upon coming to the classes on Sunday. A picture of the Missionary Sunday School is reproduced on this page of "The Baptist Herald" with Mrs. Dan Wedel sitting at the extreme right with the children.

On June 14 the first meeting was held. Of all the names we had on the list only 18 children came. This was discouraging but we kept hoping and praying for success in our work. From Sunday to Sunday our attendance has increased until at the present time there is an average attendance of 45 and an enrollment of about 85. On August 23 there were 55 children present. We have five classes which are taught by the following teachers: Miss Norma Roskam and Mrs. Nell Correll, primary department; Mrs. Fay Ehrhorn, girls aged six to nine years; Mrs. Menno Bergen, junior girls, and Miss Susie De Boer, junior boys. Whenever there is an adult class the Rev. Klein or Mrs. Dan Wedel teaches the class. SUSIE DE BOER, Reporter.

Southern Conference Annual Report of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union Council Member of the Southern Conference

God has led. We have tried to follow. Paths which we followed were not always on mountain peaks. Clouds still cover the rising sun. We await the colorful, God-given sunrise which will accompany the scattering of the clouds. We climb on and on. Eventually we will reach the summit. Only then will we be able to see, through the scatter ng clouds, the beauty of the valley below.

Another year has joined history. Your council member reports only six months of activity during the past period. He can not report activity such as he had planned. Perhaps better so! That which he did, he did gladly.

Correspondence during the six months of activity was much heavier than last year. There were 100 letters and 60 cards in addition to 250 form letters which were written. In response 60 letters and 11 cards were received. Only 1160 miles were traveled.

Of the 13 churches in the conference 10 reported B. Y. P. U.'s. These 10 Union report a combined membership of 604, a gain of 31 over last year. Five Unions report libraries. Four report adoption of the eight point record system. Only three have had a study course. The majority of our organizations are still neglecting the social training of our young people. Nine Unions reported a total of \$272.43 contributed toward local expenses and \$235.36 contributed for missionary purposes, a combined total of \$507.79. The Waco Union again reports the highest per member contribution, that of \$2.06.

Thirteen Sunday Schools report a total average attendance of 848 out of a total enrollment of 1108. Of these 13 organizations seven are predominately German while the remaining six are conducted in the English language.

Our "Baptist Herald" subscription list is continuing to grow. May it ever do so! We can now report 177 subscribers, a gain of 25, which was barely sufficient to win the percentage contest of the various conferences.

CHESTER BUENNING, Council Member.

Southwestern Conference Ninetieth Birthday Celebration of the Rev. A. Marquardt

The weekend of August 11 was one of festivity for the Rev. August Marquardt of the West Side Baptist Church in Beatrice, Nebraska. On Thursday, August 6, the Ladies' Missionary Society was privileged to have as its guest speaker this venerable man who is ninety years of age. He spoke on the subject, "The Eternal God" in a beautiful, spiritual manner and with continuity of thought and beauty of expression. An unusually well lighted birthday cake was presented to him at this meeting.

On Sunday, August 9, Mr. Marquardt's family and other church members assembled at the park for a picnic

supper in honor of the guest. A large bouquet from the congregation was presented at this time.

On Tuesday, August 11, his birthday was celebrated by a dinner within his family circle. He received many gifts and greeting cards from friends afar and near. The poem by John E. Roberts, quoted at the end of this report, was especially appreciated, not only by Brother Marquardt, but also by his friends and relatives, because it describes in a fitting manner the secret of perpetual youth of such men as our Brother Marquardt.

Although born in 1846 and ordained into the ministry in 1885, and having seen active service until 1928, we will always remember Brother Marquardt as "Not Growing Old."

"They say that I am growing old,
I've heard them tell it times untold,
In language plain and bold—
But I'm NOT growing old.
This frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.

"Ere long my soul shall fly away
And leave this tenement of clay.
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize.
I'll meet you on the streets of gold,
And prove that I'm not growing old."

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his wife by the deacons of the church, the Sunday School superintendent and the visiting pastors, the Reverends J. H. Kornelsen, Stanley Geis and John Broeder. This welcome service was the climax of a series of delightful surprises for the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kary. The parsonage had been renovated and the pantry amply stocked by the women of the church before their arrival in Durham. The young ladies of the church surprised Mr. and Mrs. Kary with a kitchen shower. In appreciation Mrs. Kary wrote: "May God reward the thoughtfulness of these people and help us to work together for the coming of his Kingdom on earth!"

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The German Baptist Church of Cottonwood, Texas, held its sixth annual study course from Aug. 24 to 28 with great interest shown by those attending. The adults studied the book, "Southern Baptists Working Together," and the Intermediates and Seniors the book "Training in the Baptist Spirit." The latter class was taught by the Rev. M. Williams, pastor of the neighboring church at Golinda. In this course group one with the Rev. Edwin Kraemer as captain won over group two with Viola Hansen, captain, in a closing contest. The Juniors were taught by Miss Marie Heusi of the Central Baptist Church of Waco. Many efforts were put forth by the general director, Mr. Vernon Ekru, the other officers and the B. Y. P. U. committees to make this study course a success.

NOTICE

The Harvest and Mission Festival will be held in our denomination on Sunday, Nov. 1, 1936. Complete programs and material will be sent to all churches in a few days.—Editor.

OBITUARY

DORIS HELEN MILLER

Doris Helen Miller was born February 6, 1921, on a farm near Beatrice, Nebraska, where she resided until she was three years of age, after which she came to Beatrice with her family to make her home.

She became converted and was baptized by the present pastor, the Rev. J. H. Pankratz, in the West Side Baptist Church on Easter Sunday, 1931, and remained a true and loyal member of the church, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and Junior World Wide Guild until her untimely death.

She became ill recently and underwent an operation which proved successful, but complications later set in which caused her death. She passed away on Sunday morning, August 16, at the Mennonite Hospital. At the time of her death she was 15 years, six months, 10 days of age.

Doris is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Miller, and sister, Esther Marie, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Nieman, a large number of aunts and uncles and a host of friends and acquaintances. The mourning of her passing to "the other side" is not one of despair but of hope for a bright future.

The Scripture text from Matthew 25:10 served as a consolation for her parents, her sister and her many relatives and friends, but also as a warning for all to be ready, when the time for the departure arrives.

REV. J. H. PANKRATZ,
Beatrice, Nebraska.

DANIEL GEORGE JAEGERHUBER

Daniel George Jaegerhuber, son of George and Elizabeth Jaegerhuber, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, on October 11, 1915, reared in a Christian home and educated in the public schools of the city, and active in the grocery business of his parents. After a sudden serious illness he died in Christ Hospital in Jersey City on March 25, 1936, at the age of 20 years.

The funeral solemnities were held on March 28 at the home of the parents whose grievous bereavement and irrecoverable temporal loss in the death of their dear son has caused widespread sympathy. The message to the bereaved was brought from the consoling Gospel narrative: "Jesus wept"—John 11:35. Interment was made in Macpelah Cemetery in North Bergen, and the grave was richly graced with floral tokens of the church.

In recording the earthly career of the deceased, brief mention can be made of these outstanding characteristics. He was a faithful son, the help and joy of his parents; a young Christian, baptized upon the public confession of his personal faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and so received into the fellowship of the March 31, 1929, under the pastoral care of the Rev. L. N. Schoen. During his membership of the church, Sunday School and the young people's society, which latter organization honored and entrusted him with its secretaryship. His pleasing disposition and willingness to be of service endeared him to his associates and he will remain unforgotten by his father and mother, his grandmother and immediate relatives who survive him. Humanly speaking, his death in the early dawn of manhood was all too soon. This sudden departure from our midst has appalled and when both so sorely stand in need of the vigorous aid which his maturing young life might have provided, had he lived longer. We miss his genial young man, whose developing personality and cooperation promised so much for the future. However, the wisdom and ways of God in having willed and worked otherwise, are not to be called in question, since God's children look forward to a joyous reunion with their loved ones, who have died in the Lord, and to fade not away, reserved for them in heaven.

May faith, hope and love from God, our Heavenly Father, comfort the bereft, assuage their sorrow and give them lasting peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord!

H. FREDERICK HOOPS
Willow Avenue Baptist Church, Hoboken, N. J.

Introducing the Rev. Stuart J. Gunzel, Missionary to the Chinese in Mongolia

By the REV. JOHN WOBIG

The Rev. Stuart J. Gunzel, one of our young men of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wisconsin, has been serving since 1933 as a missionary among the Chinese in Mongolia. He was converted and baptized in the year 1920 during the pastorate of the Rev. H. Schnuit who served the church at Wausau at that time. The pastor as well as many members of the church saw in Mr. Gunzel the making of a minister, although at the time he thought otherwise. It was while he was employed in a greenhouse at Evanston, Ill., that he distinctly felt the call of his Master into the larger field of service, to which he soon thereafter responded. He received his preparation at Wheaton College, Moody Bible Institute and Northern Baptist Seminary. On Friday, Sept. 2, 1932, after a satisfactory account of his Christian experience, call to the ministry, and views of Bible doctrine to a council of Baptist churches convened at the call of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, of which he is a member, Mr. Gunzel was ordained into the Baptist ministry. Dr. Jacob Heinrichs, at that time professor at Northern Baptist Seminary, preached the ordination sermon.

Mr. Gunzel felt his call to be one to service beyond the boundaries of our own land. The inner urge which the Father laid upon his heart was one to carry "the Good News" to a people in far off inner Mongolia. For that land he set sail in Feb. 1933 where he is now stationed at Pailingmiao, Spiyuan, Mongolia, serving under the Scandinavian Alliance Mission. Following are some excerpts taken from letters written to his pastor and from articles written for missionary magazines:

"By the grace of God since arriving here on the good mission of the Lord, not a day has been without interest, and we rest assured that the Lord is working. Upon our arrival we had the report that we would not be allowed to preach the gospel here; but now, just Sunday before last, we had thirty or more Mongols gathered at our regular Sunday public service, while I tried as best I knew how to expound some of the truths of God which have been made known to us through the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. Let us bow our heads and our hearts to thank the Lord for opening the doors in such a way. The above is not to say that we have had the joy of seeing any of these turning to the Lord, but it does mean that the gospel seed is being planted daily. At our daily services there are outsiders attending off and on. The sick people are coming and we pray and



Rev. Stuart J. Gunzel

treat them as best we know. God is blessing our contacts and we look much to him for the guidance that is needed in the work."

Last fall Miss Margaret Leir of Chicago went out to become the wife of Mr. Gunzel and share with him woe and weal as well as the work as a messenger of the gospel. They were married on Nov. 14, 1935 at the home of Mrs. Ingram. Teng Shih Kou, Peiping, by the Rev. T. J. Bach, general director of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission. Mrs. Gunzel writes as follows: "It is now just two weeks since I arrived at Pailingmiao, our Mongolian station. Since acquiring a new name I have been getting acquainted with my new home. My first impressions of Mongolia? Rolling plains and foothills covered with snow, bright blue skies and crisp, cold weather. The people? Friendly, very curious, and souls for whom Christ died."

Concerning their home they wrote: "No doubt you would be interested to hear something about the home that we have. It is made from three Mongol tents put close together so that they form three rooms. We have tried to fix them up the best we could and they really do look quite cozy. They are also rather warm even during the coldest days. Most of the while it is 25 degrees below zero here during the winter months."

These closing words are his plea to all persons everywhere: "The Scripture says, 'Pray without ceasing,' and we feel the need of such a working of the Holy Spirit, not only in our own lives, but also with those who are supporting the Mongolian work. We covet your prayers for the work here. There is great need of a revival here and it appears to be ripe for it. Pray that it may soon come and that many souls may be saved. Pray that each one connected there in any way may be filled with the fire of God to save souls."

FAREWELL LETTER TO MY VERY DEAR FRIENDS BY MISS BERTHA M. LANG

The following letter addressed from Vancouver, British Columbia, on Sept. 2, was mailed just before Miss Lang sailed for Shanghai, China, where she will arrive on Oct. 1 and will continue her memorable and sacrificial service as a missionary under the auspices of the China Inland Mission.—Editor.

"One's thoughts go back over the past fourteen months and perhaps no words express the feelings of the heart better than those words of the Psalmist when he says, 'Many, O Lord are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee. If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.'"

"My furlough time is about over, and I write this letter as an appreciation to all who have been so kind to me—old friends and new ones. How royally you have treated me! How interested you have been in the work so dear to my heart! Memories of times of happy fellowship with you will come to me again and again after I'm back on the field. I pray the Lord may richly bless and reward each one of you for it isn't in my power to do so.

"There isn't only the backward glance that occupies my mind as I write, but there is the forward glance as well. True, it lies veiled before our eyes and how glad we are that it is so. But there comes to me the vision of work needing to be done in far off China. There is that vision of the man who called after our servant on one of our journeys asking, 'What name did you say?' To him the name of Jesus was unknown. There comes another vision, one equally as sad, for it's a small group of women in an isolated place among the mountains. Their pleadings keep ringing in my ears: 'Teacher, when will you come back to teach us? We know you can't come next year, but won't you come the year after that?' Bless their hearts! Little do they know the anguish of our own hearts as we leave them. Still another vision comes to me, for in my mind's eye I see hundreds and thousands of care-free boys and girls. We know so few of them, and yet how receptive they would be to a little touch of love. My precious Chinese children! What a work remains to be done among them! Have you been able to catch the vision? There's work for you to do, my friends! Yours is as important a ministry as mine, for we are co-workers with God.

"It is not with sadness of heart that I return to China but, contrariwise, with joy. It isn't that loved ones and friends at home aren't dear to us, but it is because He who has called us is dearer and He has promised to go before.

"And so kind friends—I'm grateful, very grateful for every kindness. God bless and reward you richly!"

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