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Photo by Mrs. Fred Doye
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What's Happening

The Rev. R. P. Jeschke, pastor of the German Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn., has resigned his charge and has accepted the call extended to him by the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. He will begin his ministry on the new field on October 1st. During the summer months the Dayton Church is being served by Mr. A. R. Hahn, a Senior in the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Jeschke will succeed the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner who several months ago went to Milwaukee, Wis., to serve as pastor of the North Avenue Baptist Church of that city.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church of Aplington Iowa recently held its election of officers with the following results: Harm Frey, president; Ivan Lindaman, vice-president; Lorene Lindeman, secretary; and Eunice Ontjes, treasurer. The commission plan of organization and program will be continued for a second year. The Rev. C. Fred Lehr is the minister of the church.

A Vacation Bible School was recently conducted in the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, So. Dak., of which the Rev. G. W. Pust is the minister. The teachers of the school were the Misses Vivian Pust, Violet Salzsiedler, Verna Schweigert and Adele Wagner. The average attendance for the school period amounted to 20 children.

On Sunday, June 20, the Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., baptized 8 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Among these were the two children of the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Abel. These 8 persons were received into the fellowship of the church at the communion service on Sunday, July 8. Mr. Abel has begun his ministry in the Lansing Church with auspicious success. The Women's Missionary Society provided a refrigerator and gas range for the parsonage and the church recently built a new garage. Future prospects for the church are very bright.

Miss Lenore Kruse, the director of Christian education in the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., since July 15, visited her father, the Rev. F. P. Kruse, in Kankakee, Ill., at the beginning of July. Miss Kruse preached a sermon on the theme, "That the World May Know," in the morning service on Sunday, July 11, in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill. The Rev. George Hensel, the pastor of the church recently underwent an operation and Mr. Kruse has been supplying

the pulpit during the period of his convalescence. A report of the reception accorded Miss Kruse at the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., on Sunday evening, July 18, appears in the current issue of "The Baptist Herald."

During the months of July and August the young people of the German Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., are assisting in the program of the evening services. On Sunday evening, July 11, several young people spoke on "the Joys of the Christian Life." Mrs. Lydia Schirman spoke on "the Joys of Service," Helen Winkelman on "The Joy of Giving," and Henry Schrank on "the Joy of Going Home." A trio, including Isabelle Schmierer, Viola Schrenk and Mrs. Edwin Rochs, sang a selection. On Sunday, July 25, the Rev. A. Heringer preached in the church services. The Rev. J. Olthoff is the beloved pastor of the church.

THE FRONT COVER

The serious minded traveler who "is goin' places" as pictured on the front cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" is Master Edgar Brockhouse of Dallas, Texas. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doye of Waco, Texas, members of the Central Baptist Church of that city.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, the B. Y. P. U. of the German Bethel Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, presented its extension program to three neighboring Unions at the Kyle, Elgin and Waco churches. The program was well received in each place. Miss Esther Scherewolf wrote "we hope the program was as great a blessing to these churches as it was for us to render it."

The First German Baptist Church of Hagerty Township, Killaloe, Ontario, Canada, will celebrate its 50th anniversary from Friday, Aug. 27, to Sunday, Aug. 29. The church clerk, Mr. Gordon E. Kuehl, has sent the following notice for publication: "All former members and ministers of this church and also other ministers and friends of our different churches are cordially invited to celebrate this happy occasion with us. We are grateful to God for his guidance in the past and we pray that we may long exist as a church that endeavors to build the Kingdom of God here on earth." Those who wish to send letters of congratulation should address Mr. Kuehl at R. F. D. 2, Killaloe, Ontario, Canada.

On Tuesday evening, July 20, the Rev. L. Baier from South Africa, now spending several months in the United States with relatives and friends, spoke in the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City before an appreciative audience. His address dealt with social and religious conditions in South Africa. An offering for Mr. Baier was received at the service.

On Friday evening, July 9, the Girls' Sextette of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, gave a recital program which was a great success. The members of the sextette are the Misses Helen, Elizabeth and Hildegard Stobbe, Adeline and Gracelia Brenner and Margaret Kittlitz. Mrs. Grace Kittlitz serves as pianist for the group. The program also included a cornet solo by Fred W. Doye, a reading by Miss Margaret Kittlitz, and a number by the men's quartet of the church composed of Messrs. B. E. Engelbrecht, J. M. Kittlitz, R. G. Kittlitz and W. T. Hirsch.

Readers of "The Baptist Herald" in the state of Iowa will be interested in the regular radio broadcasts by German Baptist ministers of the state. On every Friday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. the Rev. H. Palfenier of Steamboat Rock broadcasts over station KFJB in Marshalltown, Ia. On the third Wednesday of each month the Rev. Wm. Schobert of Victor broadcasts a program and message from the same station in Marshalltown. The Rev. Carl Sentman broadcasts regularly from a radio station in Mason City, Ia., on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 3:30 P. M.

The Rev. H. Lohr, the missionary of the state of Minnesota, has accepted the call from the German Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, extended to him recently. He will begin his ministry in Parkersburg on Oct. 1st. (Continued on Page 249)

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Editorial

EVEN as Christ is the essence of Christianity, so also is the cross of Christ the embodiment of God's redeeming love. In Jesus Christ we find not only the revelation of God's truth to be proclaimed in eternal precepts to all mankind, but also the revelation of God's life and of what

God is eternally in grace and love and power. The life of Jesus without his unflinching obedience to God's will, the steadfast setting of his face toward Jerusalem, the suffering which he bore upon the cross of Golgotha is incomplete and without redemptive significance. But Christ's life seen in the larger perspective of his loving ministry as he "went about doing good," seen in the spirit of forgiveness with which he met others, and his sacrificial death as he bore the sins of the world, seen in his triumphant resurrection from the dead as "the first fruits of them that slept," is a convincing proof to us that he was "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

We do not in any way minimize the tremendous cost of the Cross for the One who endured its agony. The picture of Gethsemane in which Jesus wrestled in prayer until the drops of perspiration were like drops of blood, of the trial scenes in Pilate's court where the Master was humiliated shamefully and beaten cruelly, and of the hill called "a place of a skull" where the three crosses were etched against the darkening skies are indelibly imprinted upon our minds. We bow in homage and worship before the Crucified Savior, knowing "he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

No, we do not lack understanding and insight in our theology about the Cross concerning God's reconciliation in Christ Jesus and of his atoning blood shed as a remission of sin for all mankind.

But we fail pitifully in a deeper understanding of how we are to "take up the cross and follow him" and of the mystery, yes, of the privilege in the Apostle Paul's words, of "being crucified with him."

There is a great deal of truth in the criticism directed against so-called Christian people that they have made an ornament of the cross to be worn with pride and personal display rather than a stick upon which to break the last vestige of self. It is well to glory in the Cross of Christ, to know nothing among men except its saving wisdom and power, but it is also imperative to heed its challenge to be crucified with him.

That will mean a divine discontent with the attainments we have already reached in the Christian life and service, recognizing how much each of us still has to do before he or she has given all. That will call for a love that knows how to forgive "seventy times seven" and to suffer humiliations at the hands of others. That will demand an untiring struggle in one's own life against temptations and weaknesses until spiritual victory is won. That must eventuate in the overcoming of self until Christ's spirit, not only in our confession of this fact, but also in the observation of others about us, will dwell unequivocally in us.

The gospel message is needed more than ever by the world of today. It is still the proclamation of "the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes." The skyline of that story will always shine gloriously with the Cross and the figure of One who came "to give his life as a ransom for many." Blessed is he who has not only eyes to see but also ears to hear the voice of the Savior: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me!"

A Minister Whose Glory is the Cross

It is with great joy that the editor of "The Baptist Herald" presents the following original article with its moving human interest account of the life of George Bennard, the author and composer of the world famous hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross," by one whose life for several decades since childhood has been closely associated with that of the hymn writer.

By MRS. ETHEL P. ROBERTSON of Ladora, Iowa

OUR family, consisting of my father, two brothers, two sisters and myself, came to this country from England almost fifty years ago.

I was a child of six years, but how clearly I remember the arrival in the new country! Almost the very first friendships we made were the Bennards. The father was very ill at that time. In fact, he was dying from what was then called Miner's Consumption. He lingered for months and he and my father became dear friends. So close, indeed, was this friendship that just before he passed on, Mr. Bennard asked father if he would promise to watch over his family, to help in any time of trouble, and to be especially watchful over the young son, George. My father promised to carry out his wishes.

We lived at that time in a little mining town by the name of Cleveland, Iowa, just about two miles out of Lucas, Iowa. Cleveland has long since been entirely razed, but Lucas still exists. It was there that God was using Captain James Costly, a Salvation Army captain, to win souls for him. Through the efforts of this godly young man, my father, my uncle and scores of dear friends and neighbors were won to Christ. And it was here that young George Bennard was saved and forever set aside for God's special service.

First Recollection of George Bennard

My first clear recollection of George Bennard

was the time when he was made leader of our Junior Knee Drill. That was the job of teaching and instructing the younger children to understand the love of God and the need of prayer and praise to him. We really had "knee drill," for we were kept on our little knees until mine, at least were sore.



A Striking Photograph from the Family Album of Mrs. Robertson of the Rev. and Mrs. George Bennard in the Early Days of Their Service in the Salvation Army

At that time young George could not have been over fifteen years of age. So you can see that he came early to Jesus and never became deeply stained with the marks of sin. It seems as though God had marked him as his own even from childhood.

Singing "Specials" for the Salvation Army

Even then he possessed a sweet, mellow singing voice, and as we all grew older, he often sang "specials" during the Salvation Army services. His sister, Agnes, and my sister, Nellie, would sing duets together. We had many happy years in Army work there.

We moved to Farmington, Iowa, where my father had secured work, and here the Bennards and others of the really saved soldiers of the Cross followed. There was no Salvation Army there, but it did not take those consecrated men long to start one. They were soon winning souls to Christ just as they had been doing at Cleveland. George Bennard with his sweet voice and gentle ways playing no small part in the work.

The Macedonian Call to Dunfermline

This field of manual labor soon played out, making it necessary for my father to find work elsewhere. With God positively leading all the way, we moved again, this time to a little town in Illinois, named Dunfermline, just about five miles south of the town of Canton. We were no more than settled when the same old group of friends again followed, the Bennards among the first to arrive.

When father reached Dunfermline he found a place with no church, no Sunday School, and only two Christian men in the entire place. These two men had tried to hold services under a lovely old tree, and had dragged railroad ties up into the shade as seats. They had visited the homes of that place and many mothers had promised to send their children to this out-of-door Sunday School. But while near the tree trunk, these men, Alfred Pascoe and Matthew Stanley, were praying and trying to point children to Christ, on the outer edge of the shade of the same tree groups of miners were drinking and gambling, seemingly never hearing a word of the songs and prayers rising heavenward under the same tree. But God heard.

It was here that God led my father and the group of Christian workers in direct answer to these prayers. On the night father and a friend of his reached Dunfermline, they stopped to speak to some men they met on the street, and while they stood talking, they heard these words, "O God, send some one to help us. O God, send help to this poor place." Father said to the friend with him, "Well, Ralph, here is surely a call from Macedonia for us to come and help them," and added, "Perhaps this is why God kept driving us on until we reached this place. We are needed here." They went at once to the two lonely men of prayer under the tree, and kneeling down joined their prayers with the others. They had a happy time that night. In a week or two God sent all the rest of the men who had so long worked together, George Bennard, Uncle Shad, Happy Jack and others. It was not long before they had a church building under construction and in a few months finished. It was soon filled with children for Sunday School, and nightly meetings were held, my father doing the preaching until they were able to pay for a regular minister. George Bennard worked as hard as the rest, using his beautiful voice for God's service. Souls were saved by the dozens, and their sons and daughters are still telling the story of God's love to lost souls.

A Spiritual Timothy

It was here that George Bennard lost his dear old mother, and here that he became more like a son than ever to my father. He would come to father with his troubles, his temptations and perplexities, and many times while I was home alone

with my father, I heard him praying that God might bless, lead and comfort young George. He would plead with God to bless the lad, to enable him to make the right decisions, and to bring him through his trials triumphantly. And God always did!

George was to my father what Timothy was to Paul, for he loved him sincerely. George had just as many, as hard, and as devilish temptations to face as any other young man of that day or this, but God was his "Rock and Shield" and he never wandered far from him. He was never happy in times of lack of faith, until all was again clear to him, and he could walk hand in hand with God.

George and my father and these other dear friends whom I've mentioned, would sometimes walk to Canton to help in Salvation Army meetings or to get inspiration for their own needs. George was now playing the guitar and was in constant demand for his beautiful sacred solos. It was now that he determined to become an Army officer and to give all his time and talent to God's service.

Marriage and Salvation Army Service

Soon after this he was called to help in some meetings away from Canton, and one night while he was leading the meeting, a young lady walked into the meeting and also into his heart. She has been there ever since. I remember how proud and happy he was as he came to father after the meetings were over and said, "Brother Pears, I've found the girl for me," and he showed the picture he already had of this sweet-faced young woman. Father looked upon the lovely young face and said, "Get her if you can, my boy," and added, "No woman with a face as sweet and gentle as that can ever be anything but good." Needless to say he "got her" and although her health has failed with the years, she is still his faithful wife.

They went immediately heart and soul into Salvation Army work and were sent to distant stations. We lost sight of George Bennard for some time. Then our family moved to Sherrard, Illinois, about eighteen miles from Rock Island, where we would go to shop. One day my sister, our neighbor and I were in Rock Island and as we stopped to look into a shop window, someone came up behind me and put his hands over my eyes. I was frightened for a moment and could think of nothing but drunken men. But my sister laughed and said, "Why, hello George," and then a mellow, rather Scottish voice said, "Hello, Maggie, hello, Ethel," and I knew at once who it was, namely George Bennard. He told us they were stationed in Rock Island, and insisted that we come up to the house for lunch.

Answers to Prayer

The following story may seem to be a trite incident to relate, but I'm telling it so you can see

and understand the absolute faith in God that this man has always possessed. We told him that we could not be at his home until just about noon. When we were about ready to take the car to the address which he had given us, my sister said, "I know how little an army officer has to live on; so I'm going to take something to help out with the dinner. I'm not going to impose on George and Minta. They are so big-hearted that if they got enough to live on decently they would stint themselves to give to someone less fortunate." Our neighbor said, "Well, if you do that, I'm going to take something also."

I clearly remember that we took seven articles of food. God must have directed us in the purchase of each thing, for we had a complete lunch with us when we arrived at the home. Mrs. Bennard greeted us gladly and graciously. Then I asked for George. She said that he was in the bedroom and would soon be out. Then my sister said, "Those packages on the table are for lunch. Each of us brought something, since we know how sparingly a Salvation Army officer has to live." Mrs. Bennard walked smilingly to the bedroom door, tapped on it and said, "Come out, dear. God has answered you." Yes, George had asked us to lunch, knowing that there was nothing to serve, but he knew God so well that he knew there would be sufficient when it was needed. With the table set and the kettle boiling my sister said, "My goodness, don't you even get enough to eat in this work?" He smiled and said, "O, yes, God has often tested me but he has never failed me." George Bennard asked in faith, believing and never wavering, and God always has sent what he has needed.

"The Old Rugged Cross"

He came to Sherrard several times after that to see us. Then he and his wife were sent to a more distant station, and I never saw him again for a while. Others of our family met him from time to time and we knew he had left the Salvation Army and was now a Methodist minister. Then I married and came with my husband back to Iowa just about the time that the beautiful song, "The Old Rugged Cross," was given to the world. I heard it, learned it and loved it, but to my shame, I must confess, I had never looked to see who had written it.

Then my dear old Uncle Shad came to visit me in my new home, and one morning as I worked about the house I hummed this new song. A look of pleasure came onto Uncle's face and he lay back in his rocker and in his clear, sweet old voice, he sang the words, while his face shone with heaven's own joy. I said, "Uncle, I believe you like that song as well as I do." He said, "Yes, honey, I do. I always get a blessing when I sing this song that little George Bennard wrote." "George Bennard," I repeated, "Do you mean OUR George wrote that song?" "Yes," he

said, "and dozens of others, but this is the one that cheers my soul." It had indeed been written by George Bennard, and, of course, I loved it better than ever, but how it came to be written I never learned until later.

The Inside Story of the Hymn

No one really knows the inside story, but I know now that the Rev. George Bennard had been going through severe trials and testings that were almost more than the human heart could bear. They had almost broken his heart, even seemed, at times to beat down his splendid faith, but at last, worn and weary, he won his fight, and almost in tears he said to those who were causing the trouble, "I'll be true to the cross of Jesus. God helping me, I will cling to it all my life." Then came the victory and peace to his soul. These words clung to his mind, repeating themselves over and over, until they finally shaped into the words of the chorus of the song which we all love.

Afterwards the words of the verses, slowly and at different times, came to him, and one day, in a little town in Michigan, where he was helping a brother minister with a series of meetings, he walked into the small kitchen of the manse and said to the Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Bostwick, "I have another song." "Let's hear it," said Mrs. Bostwick. So playing his guitar to accompany himself, he gave the first hearing of the song that was to become world-famous, "The Old Rugged Cross."

The Blessings of the Hymn

After singing it he said, "Will it do?" Would it do? They were so deeply touched that they could hardly speak, but at last they managed to tell him how beautiful they really thought it was. Mrs. Bostwick asked the privilege of paying for the initial cost of having it published, and he, as nearly penniless as usual, gladly granted her that joy. That is how this song was given to the world!

You know that the crushed flower is the most fragrant, and the bruised and broken heart sends forth the sweetest song. So we can thank God that this minister, although small in stature, was big enough in soul to rise up in God's strength and out of his own sorrow to give this heart-touching song to the world.

There are other things in my heart that I could say, but they seem too precious and too sacred to be anywhere but deep in my heart. So I'll just say, Do you wonder why this song has helped and blessed thousands of people? The tune came straight from God almost exactly as it is written. The writer has walked with God and we know God does bless him. So let us sing with him,

"So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown."

Children's Page

Edited by MISS EVA YUNG of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dick's Choice

"Mother! Mother! guess what?" cried ten year old Dick running into the house with an open letter in his hand. "You'll never guess! Oh boy, will it be fun! I can scarcely wait!" and in his excitement his baseball glove went up into midair, narrowly missing the kitchen light.

"What is it all about, Dick?" asked Mother in her usual quiet way.

Dick calmed down sufficiently to show the letter the mailman had just handed to him, addressed to him personally, from his cousin in the country. It was an invitation to spend at least a week on their farm.

"And Billie says they will pay my train fare and call for me at the railroad station Saturday afternoon with a horse and buggy and I must stay until the following Sunday at least. He says there will be so many things for me to do—feed the chickens and the pigs—hunt for eggs every morning—ride the pony—go swimming and fishing in the creeks nearby—and lots of other things he hasn't time to mention. Gee! won't it be fun! And look what else he says," and here Dick came close to Mother so she could read the bold, boyish handwriting for herself, "and you can eat all the watermelon you like! Yum, yum. I wish it were Saturday already!"

"Well now, this is something to get all excited about," said Mother. "Let's see, today is Wednesday; we'll have to hustle to get your clothes into shape."

"Shall I get the suit-case and start packing some of my things?" asked the overjoyous Dick.

"No, I think we can wait another day or so for that."

"How many miles away is it where I'm going, Mother?" came another question from Dick.

"It's farther than you've ever been. About 150 miles from here, and from the railroad station to Uncle's farm it's about another seven miles."

"Whee-e-e-e" whistled Dick. "Is it as far as that? Wait till the fellows hear it. They'll all want to go, won't they?"

"I wouldn't be surprised. There's just one thing I don't believe you've thought about in your enthusiasm, Dick, and I think it only fair to tell you. I know you are working for your third year Sunday School bar. There is no Sunday School where Billie lives and you'll be away two Sundays you know."

Dick's face just dropped. In the



All Set for the Pony Ride!

From Left to Right: William and Ernest Volkman and their Cousin, Richard Volkman, the Proud Owner of the Pony

happy prospect of being on a real farm for the first time in his life, away from the hot, congested city streets, he had completely forgotten about Sunday School attendance. What was he to do? A thousand thoughts entered his mind. He simply must get to the farm. That was settled! Why, it was the chance of a life-time! But, still he didn't want to miss out on his third year bar. He had been attending Sunday School so regularly and punctually, never missing a Sunday whether it rained or shined, whether the thermometer stood at zero or soared up into the nineties. Today the temperature was 97 and, oh! he longed with all his heart to be on the farm that very minute where he could jump into one of those creeks and cool off, or romp about in the wide open spaces. What should he do? Had he been a girl, he probably would have sat down to cry. But, being a boy, he did nothing of the kind.

Mother suggested a way out, asking him to think it over and come to some decision before the day ended as it was necessary to drop Billie a note that night.

Dick was rather thoughtful all day long. He reread Billie's letter several times and once he quietly slipped up to his room to look at the pin on the lapel of his Sunday suit. Then he closed

his eyes a moment and said softly: "Dear Jesus, help me to be strong and choose the right."

In the evening, when Dad came home, Dick was his jolly old self again, repeating the contents of Billie's letter almost word for word to him. At the supper table he proudly announced: "Mother, I've decided. I'm going to write Billie to meet me early Monday morning and when I see him I'll explain why I can only stay until Saturday. I think I can have almost as much fun in six days as I could in eight."

"I'm sure you can," Father added, "and I know your pin will mean so much more to you because you chose to do something hard rather than take the easy way out. We're proud of you, son."

Put on Your Thinking Cap

Find a hidden Bible character in these sentences. After finding the first letter, the others follow consecutively. Example: "At church Anna hears God's word explained." Answer—"Hannah."

Old Testament

1. Everyone knew Abe liked to do his lessons.
2. Eleanor likes autumn better than summer.
3. Look! the birds have built their nest here on this branch.
4. Which is correct: "This is an acorn" or "This is a acorn?"
5. Little Margaret will sing a solo Monday at the Children's festival.

New Testament

6. Herman drew the first bucket of water from the new well.
7. With every step he noticed the pain increasing.
8. Everybody agreed Tom was smart, handsome and courteous.
9. As soon as Dick reached the farm he rode the pony.
10. For many years Doris lived at 1923 Hope Terrace.

Answers will appear in the Sept. 15th issue. Don't lose your sentences!

God's Call

"Right needs you,
Truth claims you,
That's a call indeed
One must heed."

—Anonymous.

A Song Forever

By Paul Hutchins

SYNOPSIS

Gardner Wilkens, after several harrowing experiences which resulted in the reconsecration of himself to Jesus Christ, was thrilled to learn that Lela Harrison, a college friend of his with whom he was deeply in love, had also had a profound spiritual experience at a college chapel service. In their newly found wonderful love for each other they wanted to tell the whole world of it. But Mrs. Harrison soon showed her displeasure over this affair, even though Lela maintained her deep love for Gardner and her verile faith in her Savior.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

"You don't love me!" Mrs. Harrison cried and collapsed in a chair beside the bed, giving way to unrestrained sobs. "If you loved your mother—you wouldn't do this thing! Oh how can I ever stand to hear what my friends will say! Oh Le! Promise me you won't go to the stone church! You'll stay with me—You won't give up your social activities and humiliate your many friends! I can't stand it—I can't!"

Lela looked on in pity, almost in scorn, and yet with love. Her Mother's many years of living selfishly had been responsible for this. Only one little narrow shell in which her soul had dwelt.... "Leaving thine outgrown shell...." She thought of the poem, the "Chambered Nautilus" and prayed that Mother somehow might come to see her littleness, that Christ himself might come to dwell, within her heart and that she might "leave thine outgrown shell".... Outgrown! Yes, Mother's soul could yet unfold and grow into a thing of beauty, until the confines of her narrow "house" were much too small....

Lela was astonished at herself that these thoughts had come to her. It was a token to her that the Lord Jesus had in reality come to be her Lord and that in him she was beginning to "live and move and have her being." Still more wonderful thoughts would come to her as she grew in the Christian life.

In the privacy of Gardner's car the following afternoon Lela told him all that had happened the night before, shielding her mother as much as possible. They were driving slowly along a quiet country road. Gardner was exalted in spirit, not only because he was in love, but for another reason.

Tonight at the church he was to tell with his own lips, face to face with the many people who read his editorials, just what it was costing him to be a Christian. He was humbled when he contemplated the privilege that was to be his. An ambassador of the King of Kings! His representative to speak the Word which had the power of eternal life.

"Will your mother attend the service tonight?" he asked anxiously.

"I'm sure I don't know. She had insisted that I go with her to our own church tonight. But this morning we learned that Dr. Canfeld is to be out of town and there will be no services tonight. Mother never attends the Stone church, you know. You won't hold it against me, will you?—that Mother takes that attitude?"

His right hand sought hers. "No, Lela, Dear, it wouldn't make any difference if she hated me. I'd love you just the same."

Lela bit her lip. Her Mother *did* hate him. She had disliked him for years and last night her aversion had flamed into intense hatred. Lela fought back the desire to tell him the whole truth. Her heart was bitter against her mother. Love could not stand to be thwarted. Even a Mother must not try to separate what God was about to join together.

"She heard us praying?"

"Yes."

"God is still able to answer prayer, Lela. And we will covenant together to keep on believing until he answers."

"Oh, I'm afraid he can never save Mother. She—she likes the world too much. She is too—forgive me for saying it about my own Mother—God knows I love her dearly—but she is so proud. I fear she would never accept Christ if she thought it would mean the giving up of her pleasures."

The evening service began at eight o'clock. The orchestra and choir were in their places and the men and boys who were to speak were seated on the platform. Every available seat in the church was taken. Lela sat with her mother, who at the last minute decided to come. Larry and Jean were sitting in the main auditorium in the center section.

Gardner, looking at Jean from the platform, was content that she and Larry should be together. They belonged to each other. God had planned it so. He allowed his thoughts to stray briefly to the three weeks he had spent

in the hospital and to his recent evening with her. But only deep appreciation and admiration for Jean were in his thoughts. She was one of the best and most noble women in the world, he told himself, one of Heaven's pure stars, shining with a true light in the midst of cigarette-smoking, liquor drinking, pleasure loving women and girls who worshipped at the shrine of the goddess of fashion. Jean must have had a good mother who had known and followed the Lord. But tonight as he studied her face he knew that he loved only Lela, Lela who in spite of having had a selfish Mother had, nevertheless, attained to most beautiful womanhood. Lela was God's gift to him; he could never love another.

Mr. Howard conducted the service, announcing the various speakers and musicians. Gardner was outwardly calm yet trembling within. A new respect for Pastor Phillips would grow out of this experience. This was no mere child's play. It required all the courage a man possessed to speak to an audience, more courage still to tell to that audience the story of Christ. He had done considerable public speaking at business men's meetings and at college, but never before had he addressed an audience concerning the Lord Jesus. He felt the strain of responsibility.

Across the platform, Tommy was sitting very straight in his chair, apparently nonchalant. Brave, noble little fellow! Tommy would make his mark in the world some day and the world would take notice of it. It would be a hard for any boy to grow up to be a nobody who had a father like Tommy had had. Gardner wondered what Tommy would say.

"I know all right," Tommy had assured him in the afternoon. "This is going to be my first sermon, and after tonight I'm going to keep right on speaking and speaking until I get so used to it I won't be afraid anymore."

"You're not really afraid, are you?" Gardner asked, knowing that he was.

"Of course I am, but that don't—doesn't make any difference. You have to get over being afraid and I reckon the way to do is to keep on doing over and over again what you're scared to do."

Tommy's talk was brief but to the point. One could see Dr. Phillips' manner and ways of speaking in his every movement and gesture. One could see more; one could see Christ in the earnest-

ness and humility with which he spoke

"I don't claim to be a preacher," Tommy began, "but Jesus is a friend of mine and I know he has come into my heart. I've been memorizing a verse from the Bible this week—been learning one *every* week since I gave my heart to Jesus—and if anybody'll believe what the verse says and come to Jesus, he can be saved. It says: *'neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.'* And that name is *Jesus!* A fellow don't—*doesn't* need to get all stuck up 'cause he's a member of the Stone church or the Community church or some other church, 'cause it isn't the name of the church that's so important, but the Name of *Jesus!* 'Course I'm glad I joined the church—*awful* glad. I think Jesus wants us to when we are saved, but that isn't what saved me. It isn't a *what* anyhow; it's a *Who.*"

Clyde, sitting in his usual place, was proud of Tommy—proud as well as sorry for him. He hoped Tommy'd change his mind about becoming a preacher.

Gardner was the last speaker. Erwin Byers spoke briefly and his message touched many a hard heart before he was through. First he played a clarinet solo:

*Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
Take the world, but give me Jesus:
To all beside, my heart replies,
There's naught but Jesus satisfies.*

"This is my favorite song," he said, trying to keep his composure. For the first time during the evening Clyde blinked to keep back the tears. "The reason I like this song is because when I came to Christ it was a choice between him and the world. I guess some of you know that I used to play for dances, but I'm ashamed of that now. I sincerely believe that the dance is one of the worldly things that dishonors Christ. I think I can see that it is very harmful to people, physically, mentally, morally and spiritually. I've decided to play for Jesus only, to live *all* for Jesus. You can have the world if you want to, but I have found real satisfaction in him. *Give me Jesus!*"

Gardner rose slowly and approached the front of the platform. Larry's head went down for a brief second in prayer for his friend. He knew the battle Gardner was fighting. Lela colored and fixed her eyes upon the speaker. Oh, how she loved him to-night; it seemed her heart would burst. Mrs. Harrison was tense. All eyes were upon him. Clyde admitted to himself that Gardner looked handsome and good. He certainly didn't look like a hypocrite up there—tall and straight. He looked honest and sincere and right, just like Father used to look.

Gardner had planned his talk carefully. During the late afternoon he had gone to the office alone and talked

it over with his new Master. While he was glad that Mrs. Harrison had come, he was particularly anxious lest she be offended. He would carefully avoid saying anything that would antagonize. Her face was expressionless and cold and he could feel her resentment. Perhaps this was why she had come, to make it difficult for him to speak. He could not recall how long it had been since he had seen her in this church. He resolved to speak boldly, giving forth the truth of God without respect of persons, yet kindly.

"What it costs to live for Christ." This is my theme for tonight. What sacrifices must be made in order to have a clear testimony for him? First, let me say that I have learned to use with discrimination, the word 'sacrifice.' When I think of his supreme sacrifice for me at Calvary, the suffering bleeding, dying, the physical and spiritual anguish when he bore the punishment for my sin, I am ashamed to call the little self denials I make, 'sacrifices.'

"Many of you are aware of the policies of the Mayfield Citizen and I am considered by some, unwise and perhaps unsympathetic. But, I ask you How would Jesus conduct the paper were he in my place? How would he have me do it?... A man cannot be a Christian until he has become a Christian. For men are, by nature, whether they believe it or not, children of wrath and lust. *'But to as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe in his name.'* Some have the idea that we are all Christians because we live in a so-called Christian country, but the Bible does not so teach. Every man must become a Christian—be born again—before he can be a child of God. This privilege is ours at a terrible cost to God, who in the person of his Son, became poor that we through his poverty might become rich! The cost—the awful cost—was God's, God the Father in giving his Son, and God the Son in giving himself....

"After we are saved, it is natural and necessary that we deny ourselves. *'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'* The financial 'sacrifices' are considerable, in my own case, since I reject from the columns of my paper all advertising and news items which I think would be out of harmony with Christian testimony."

He concluded more earnestly: "Some call us 'fanatics' when we show the least bit of enthusiasm for Christ. Such a derisive term, in most cases is entirely unfair and uncalled for, although of course we are glad to suffer persecution for the sake of his Name. Baseball enthusiasts and ardent followers of other sports are dubbed the complimentary 'fan,' but we who love and live for Christ Jesus are branded 'fanatics!' Is it fair? I ask you.... Be that as it may,—" Gardner's voice

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His family will move to Iowa immediately, although Mr. Lohr will continue his ministry and residence in Minnesota until the close of September. Mr. Lohr will succeed the Rev. A. G. Lang who with his wife will continue to live in Parkersburg.

A Vacation Bible School was held from June 28 to July 16 at the German Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, with the Rev. Wm. H. Schobert in charge. The daily Bible drill was especially popular. The handwork was entirely motivated by missionary objectives such as doll clothes for missionary children and calendars and bookmarks for children in the Kentucky mountains. The closing exercises of the school were held on Sunday evening, July 18, with a fine program after which each scholar was presented with a New Testament.

A reception was held for the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, the minister of the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday evening, July 1, before a large audience. The program in charge of the Rev. Herman Kaaz, who served the church as interim pastor for 8 months, included greetings by Mr. John Lutz representing the board of deacons, Mr. Edward Poppke for the board of trustees, Mr. E. Lepke for the Sunday School, Mrs. Mehl for the Women's Missionary Society, Mr. Heithardt for the B. Y. P. U., Mrs. A. Poppke for the Willing Workers, Mrs. Heithardt for the Juniors, Mr. H. Ross for the choir and Mr. Herbert Arnold for the Boy Scouts. Brief messages by 9 ministers and several letters were also heard. Miss Ruth Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., the fiancée of Mr. Kannwischer, was also present. On the following Wednesday evening, July 7, a brief farewell reception was held for the Rev. H. Kaaz at which gifts were also presented to him. He is at present serving the Harlem Church in New York.

The German Baptist Church of Unityville, So. Dak., held a Vacation Bible School from June 28 to July 16 under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn. Thirty-two children of the community were enrolled and attended with an almost perfect record throughout the three weeks. Eight loyal teachers deserve credit for the success of the enterprise. A program rendered by the pupils, closed these three weeks of happy activity.

On Sunday, June 20, the German Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, surprised the Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Helwig on the occasion of their 10th wedding anniversary. After a fine Father's Day service one of the deacons, on behalf of the church, brought an appropriate message of congratulations and presented a gift to the church's pastor and his wife.

Reports from the Field

Southwestern Conference The Annual Report of the B. Y. P. U. at Creston, Neb.

We as the Baptist Young People's Union of Creston, Nebraska, can thank our Savior and Leader for guiding us through another year.

On Sunday evening, July 11, we held our annual program. We had our neighboring church from Shell Creek with its pastor with us for the well attended service. Our program consisted of two dialogues, several musical numbers and a recitation. Then the Rev. Martin De Boer of Shell Creek brought a short message. The offering, amounting to \$19.30, was designated for our general missionary fund.

During the past year we held 16 meetings, of which 2 were prayer meetings led by various members of the society and 6 literary evenings, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Seth Parker programs. We had 8 Bible studies, the theme being "The Teachings of Paul." Several other topics studied were "Man and Sin," "Salvation," "Faith," "Baptism," and "The Church." All the studies were under the leadership of the Rev. J. J. Renz, our pastor.

We had the great privilege of accepting 5 new members into our society. Our membership roll is now 43 members.

We thank God that he has granted us another year in which to reveal himself to us as he has done in the past.

HENRIETTA HUSMAN, Secretary.

Central Conference Reception for Miss Lenore Kruse as Missionary in Bethel Church of Detroit

On Sunday evening, July 18, the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., held an enthusiastic reception and inspiring program in welcoming Miss Lenore Kruse of Philadelphia, Pa., as its new church missionary. The Rev. Paul Wengel, pastor of the church, was in charge of the service. The distinctive feature of the whole reception was the fine spirit that could be sensed by those who were present.

On the platform with Miss Kruse were three former missionary workers of the Bethel Church, namely, Mrs. Emma Becker Watton, Miss Celia M. Kose and Miss Alethea Kose. Miss Alethea Kose extended best wishes to Miss Kruse in the name of the former missionaries of the church. Miss E. Kocsis, a former classmate of Miss Kruse at the Baptist Institute for



Miss Lenore Kruse, Director of Christian Education in the Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich.

Christian Workers in Philadelphia, also sat on the platform during the service. Others who took part in the program were Mr. J. E. Classen, representing the board of deacons and deaconesses, Mr. E. Schultz for the board of trustees, Mrs. H. V. Rocho speaking for the Church School superintendent, Miss Hattie Moehlmann representing the Women's Missionary Society and Mr. Edward Green for the Christian Endeavor. The church choir also beautified the program with the singing of three selections, including "Thanks Be to God," a favorite anthem of Miss Kruse.

Miss Lenore Kruse's work in the church will be largely that of service with the Sunday School and young people, although she will render other service in connection with the church activities. Her work began with Sunday, July 18.

Miss Kruse, a daughter of the Rev. F. P. Kruse of Kankakee, Ill., is a graduate of the Baptist Institute of Christian Workers and of Temple University of Philadelphia. At the latter institution she received her Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree in June with honors as the first woman to be the recipient of the degree. A report of the farewell reception accorded her at the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia appeared in the August 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald." A recent picture of Miss Kruse accompanies this report.

May God's blessing abide upon her ministry in the Bethel Church!

REPORTER.

Pacific Conference The California Y. P. and S. S. W. Convention at Wasco

The California Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union held its annual convention with the church at Wasco from June 17 to 20. The Rev. F. Klein and his church spared no efforts in providing a congenial environment for the many delegates and friends who had come from near and far.

The theme of the convention was "Co-Workers with God." Each step in the life of a "co-worker" was discussed, and we as young people were thoroughly convinced that "it pays to serve Jesus."

The Rev. George Lang of Tacoma, Wash., was our guest speaker, and he brought us a series of inspiring messages, challenging us as the youth of today to live surrendered lives and to be "laborers together with God." Others who delivered inspiring messages were the Reverends J. A. H. Wuttke, O. R. Schroeder, G. E. Lohr, C. Feldmeth, B. W. Krentz, Miss Louise Krentz'er and Messrs. Paul Leuschner and John Wageman.

A most interesting and enjoyable session of the convention was a round table discussion led by the Rev. George Lang during which the following question was freely discussed: "Does College Take Away Christianity from our Youth?"

At the business session the following officers were elected: president, Melvin Friesen of the Wasco society; vice-president, John Wageman of the Franklin society; secretary, Florence Wessel of the Los Angeles First society; treasurer, Ruth Jungkeit of the Anaheim society. We also designated \$60 for missionary purposes.

At the Sunday afternoon session a fine program was presented by the various societies of the Union and the officers of the Union for the new year were installed by Mr. Lang.

Throughout the convention the music provided by the Wasco church choir and ladies' chorus added much to the services as well as the "sing fest" which preceded every evening service under the direction of Melvin Friesen. The Wasco society entertained us with a well planned recreational program which was enjoyed by all. This included a "Get-Acquainted Social," a swimming party, and an outing and program at Kern River Park in Barbersfield.

We, the California young people, have had a vision of Christ and a challenge "to work together with him."

FLORENCE WESSEL, Secretary.



The Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Aplington, Iowa

Southern Conference Vacation School and Memorab'e Festivities in the Baptist Church of Dallas

The Rev. and Mrs. William E. Schweitzer, together with the help of Mrs. Hamon, conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School in the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, from June 14 to 26. The Grammar School children received training in Bible study, Scripture and hymn memorizing, and manual arts. The High School students were trained in a special Bible course and music notation. The Bible course given will be continued by the pastor until completed. For sixty minute class periods the students will receive a half unit in High School credit toward graduation. The course is given according to High School regulations as any other High School subject.

We are very proud of the Texas laws permitting Bible credit in High School. A new law has also been passed whereby the Bible may be taught in the grade schools after 1939. The reason for this liberal attitude of the state is to develop better citizens. It would be fine if all cities and governments would recognize the Bible's worth in developing better citizenship.

On June 16 after the weekly prayer meeting a large group which had attended gave the pastor, the Rev. Wm. E. Schweitzer, a most unexpected birthday surprise. A beautiful briefcase, engraved with the pastor's name, was presented to him. The presentation was made by Mr. Boettcher in behalf of the church and the young people as a token of esteem and appreciation for his service. Bouquets of flowers were also presented by individual families.

On June 28 the annual business meeting of the church was held, at which time the pastor's salary was increased by a noteworthy sum of \$120.

From July 13 to 18 the church served as host to the Southern Conference, which had many blessings for us.

REPORTER.

Northwestern Conference Daily Vacation Bible School at Aplington, Iowa

On Tuesday, June 1, a Vacation Bible School was begun in the Baptist Church at Aplington, Iowa, with 72 children enrolled on the opening day. There was some increase in attendance until the high point of 93 children was reached with a total enrollment of 102. Of these about 26 were members of the Presbyterian Church, and the rest, with a few exceptions, members of the Aplington Baptist Sunday School. The average attendance for the two weeks was 84.

Each morning session was begun with a devotional period, led by one of the teachers or a member of the Senior High School group. On one morning we had our Rochester Seminary student quartet with us. One of their number led the devotional service, and then the quartet sang a number of songs for us.

The devotional period was followed by a song period under the direction of Miss Jean Dreyer. This, in turn, was followed by the memory period, during which we memorized the 1st and 23rd Psalm and the Beatitudes. From 9:30 to 10:30 we had our first class period. After a fifteen minute recess we re-assembled for our Bible and Flag Drills, and then we had another 40 minute class period. Each morning session was closed with an assembly period, the feature of which was a missionary story told by Mrs. C. Fred Lehr. At the end of each week of school a missionary offering was taken, amounting to the total of \$13.27, which will be used for our work among the gypsies in Bulgaria.

On the evening of June 20 a closing program was presented. Each department took part in some way, either in word or song. At the close of this meeting 72 diplomas were awarded to those pupils who had been present at least eight days of ten. Forty-five pupils had perfect attendance. A fine

picture of the school and teachers appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

The teachers and officers were Mrs. H. H. Sherman, superintendent and Junior Group teacher; Miss Evelyn Ontjes and Mrs. C. Fred Lehr, Primary department; Miss Jean Dreyer, Music and Junior High department; Rev. C. Fred Lehr Senior High group. The Rev. F. W. Thompson of the Presbyterian Church assisted in the Junior High department. Miss Marjorie Popkes was pianist and secretary-treasurer of the school. The courses studied were those published by the American Sunday School Union.

MARJORIE POPKES, Secretary.

Dakota Conference The Daily Vacation Bible School in Turtle Lake, No. Dak.

On Monday, June 21, a group of young people assembled at the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, No. Dakota, to hold a Daily Vacation Bible School. The enrollment numbered thirty-three pupils, ranging from six to sixteen years of age, who were divided into three classes.

We assembled from 9 to 11:30 o'clock every morning, first holding our morning devotions and then our classes.

An interesting study was conducted on the book of Acts. Likewise a thorough review of the ten commandments, the 1st, 23rd and 117th Psalms, the books of the Bible and the Beatitudes, was also given. To our curriculum was also added a study in catechism. In connection with our regular classes there was some instruction in certain domestic arts, mostly crocheting. Mrs. Gieser met with the girls every afternoon.

The Rev. and Mrs. K. Gieser were the instructors. For one week we had the privilege of having the Rev. Erich Bonikowsky from Sioux Falls College in our midst. Great interest was shown in the work throughout the session.

ALYCE WAGNER, Reporter.

The Report of the Dakota Conference Held at McClusky

The Dakota Conference held its sessions at McClusky, No. Dak., from June 15 to 20, with the German Baptist Church and its pastor, the Rev. H. P. Kayser, serving as the genial hosts.

The attendance was always good, beginning with the nine o'clock Bible study hour conducted by the Rev. S. Blum. Professor O. E. Krueger conducted a church-introspective discussion each noon. These men were the only representatives of the general work at the conference. A number of brethren discussed various phases of work and problems of the New Testament Church. The Women's organization and the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union conducted their customary meetings and programs. The evening attendance always exceeded the tent capacity. On Sunday there were perhaps as many people round about the tent as were seated within. The business sessions were informative, creative, and we trust, progressive.

By a practically unanimous vote the Dakota Conference revised its constitution in order to elect its own conference treasurer again every year. Mr. A. F. Lehr, a banker of Gackle, No. Dak., was elected treasurer, and all mission contributions of the Dakota Conference are to be sent directly to him.

With a great deal of enthusiasm, backed up with gifts totaling several hundred dollars, the Dakota Conference decided to employ a man to serve as evangelist and young people's and Sunday School worker within the Dakota Conference. There was a strong sentiment to foster this undertaking independent of the general work. But lest this should result in any estrangement from the central powers, it was decided to ask the General Mission Committee to cooperate with the Dakota Conference Mission Committee in the selection and support of such a worker. The Dakota Conference pledged itself to raise one half of the salary. There is to be a special Sunday every September on which all of our conference churches will put forth a special effort to raise the money needed for this undertaking.

A newly organized church at Lincoln Valley, No. Dak., was voted into conference membership and was given the hand of fellowship represented by the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf.

The Sunday morning mission offering with two small offerings of previous days amounted to about \$950. This amount does not include the special offering by the conference and the donations to the women's and young people's organizations for the support of the new Dakota Conference worker.

Although the Dakota Conference is reputed to be one of the most German conferences in our denomination, the ratio of "Baptist Herald" subscribers to "Sendbote" subscribers is higher in this conference than in the denomi-

nation as a whole. This information is pregnant with vital implications.

There were 262 baptisms in the churches of our conference last year. Sixty-nine members were lost by death, 152 by cancellation and 65 by exclusion. There are 53 churches with a membership of 6485. These churches raised \$103,725.29 for local and mission purposes during the past year. For non local purposes \$14,630.93 was raised and \$8,120.81 of that amount went to the general treasurer at Forest Park. Considerable money was spent by the denomination within the boundaries of the Dakota Conference during the past year. However, this amount was not included in the general treasurer's report to the conference.

The officers for the new conference year are: moderator, K. Gieser of Turtle Lake, No. Dak.; vice-moderator, E. Broeckel of Tyndall, So. Dak.; corresponding secretary, T. W. Bender of Emery, So. Dak.; statistical secretary, Benj. Schliff of Bismarck, No. Dak.; treasurer, A. F. Lehr of Gackle, No. Dak. The Mission Committee will be as follows: A. W. Lang of Parkston, So. Dak., secretary; E. S. Fenske of Herreid, So. Dak., F. Alf of Linton, No. Dak., K. Gieser of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., and H. R. Schroeder of Madison, So. Dak.

The present crop prospects are favorable for many of our churches. This serves as the greatest stimulus that has come to the Dakota Conference for many years. May the local churches, their pastors, as well as denominational leaders exploit the new opportunities for expansion and revitalization of God's work among us and through us!

T. W. BENDER, Reporter.

Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union of the Dakota Conference at McClusky

On Saturday afternoon, June 19, the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Dakota Conference was called to order by the Rev. E. Gutsche, president. Miss Freda Klein was appointed secretary pro tem in the absence of the secretary.

A list of delegates was set up which consisted of 139 delegates.

The report of the treasurer was given by Miss Alma Kayser. A motion was made and carried that societies and Sunday Schools, which have failed to pay their dues, should do so immediately.

A QUOTATION

Long to Be Remembered!

"In the morning praise God for opportunity, but make some use of it before the morning goes."

—John Ruskin.

—Bulletin of First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario.

ately. The pastors are to be responsible in their respective churches. The newly-elected secretary is to send a tracer to all churches to learn their new addresses and the names of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. officers in our conference and thus to function more efficiently.

A motion was made and carried that the program committee of the Y. P. and S. S. W. U. cooperate with the program of the conference to set up an adequate program for the young people next year.

The "Standard of Excellence" was explained to the assembly by the Rev. F. W. Bartel. A discussion followed. A motion was made and carried that the "Standard of Excellence" be discussed in assemblies during the summer and adoption to be decided individually for each section of the conference.

The new officers elected were: Ernst E. Klein, president; Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, vice-president; Violet Schulz, secretary; and Ella Albus, treasurer.

An amendment made to the constitution reads as follows: "In the year of the General Conference a member shall be elected for a period of three years to represent the Dakota Conference in the council of the general organization. Such Council Member shall act as cooperative worker and connecting link between the council of the national organization and the Unions and Sunday Schools of our conference. He shall give a report of his work at the annual meeting of the Union."

A motion was made and carried that the president and council member of our Union be permitted to work with the General Mission Committee in selecting the newly-suggested young people's worker of our next conference. The Rev. T. W. Bender was elected council member to represent our association in the General Conference at Portland, Ore. A motion was made and carried that \$25 be sent to the general missions fund.

The Saturday evening program of the young people consisted of the following: prelude by Esther Kaiser of McClusky, introduction of the new officers of the association by Mr. Gutsche, short address by the new president, Ernst Klein, vocal solo by Ben Heitzmann of Beulah, vocal duet by Goodrich, piano duet by Pleasant Valley, vocal duet by Mrs. Fenske of Herreid, male quartet by Anamoose, address by the Rev. William Sturhahn, ladies' quartet by Linton, reading by Roy Engel of McClusky, vocal duet by McIntosh, ladies' quartet by Washburn, address by the Rev. Thorwald Bender, vocal duet by Streeter, vocal duet by Carrington, piano duet by Hazelton, vocal duet by Unityville, ladies' quartet by Fessenden, vocal duet by Underwood, duet by Rev. E. Bibelheimer and Rev. G. Eichler, and mixed quartet by Cathay. The offering amounted to \$50.69.

VIOLET SCHULZ, Secretary.

Fortieth Anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society in the Germantown Church

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Germantown Church near Cathay, No. Dakota, celebrated its fortieth anniversary on Tuesday evening, June 22. Many friends of neighboring churches were our guests on this festive evening. A program of music, a dialogue, recitations and reports were presented. The featured numbers were an address by the former minister, the Rev. H. P. Kayser, and a short talk by one of our well beloved former presidents, Mrs. Keyser.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to our God, who leads so wonderfully, who guides and directs our paths with an unseen but loving and powerful hand. We feel a deep reverence for those who have gone before us in this great missionary work, setting an example which we are privileged not only to follow but which spurs us on to do more in view of our increased opportunities.

A few of our older members can remember the time, 40 years ago, on June 20, 1897, when the Germantown Baptist Ladies' Missionary Society was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Paul, who also became its first president. Fifty members were enrolled, according to the first list, the greatest number in the history of the society. Each minister's wife in turn served as president, with faithful aids in those chosen to act as vice-presidents. Of the charter members only two remain with us, and 9 have moved to other communities where they carry on in the work.

The reports through the years show that the course laid out by the founders was followed quite admirably. Meetings were held, whenever possible in the church on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School period, usually in the upper Sunday School room which was originally planned for the use of the society. During cold weather the parsonage was the popular meeting place. After some years meetings were held in the homes. When the method and rate of travel together with some of the pioneer hardships are considered, it would seem that unlimited honor should go to these faithful and courageous predecessors.

For a number of years an active interest has been taken in our missionaries in Africa, Bulgaria and other lands. We follow their train of experiences through letters and by articles frequently published in the denominational papers, until we feel that we too have a small part in their work.

The society has struggled on for 40 years, sometimes through dark and troubled times and again through the sunshine. At present we have 29 members. Under the leadership of Mrs. Klein, our president, we are going forward with hope and joy.

MRS. FLORENCE EDINGER, Reporter.



Young People's Choir from the Four Stations of Linton, No. Dak., that sang frequently at the Central Dakota Association, with the Rev. F. Alf, director, in front.

The Dakota Central Association at Linton

The Dakota Central Association, comprising 20 churches with a membership of more than 3000, held its annual sessions with the church at Linton, No. Dak., from June 9 to 13. The Rev. Frederick Alf is the aggressive pastor in this progressive little city, to which both he and the mayor bade all the delegates and visitors a most hearty welcome.

Ample arrangements had been made for every need. The spacious Memorial Auditorium had been secured for all the sessions. The basement of the Catholic Church with tables for 280 persons served as our dining hall. The hospitable homes of the members and their friends of the Baptist Church made our stay in Linton a very pleasant one, indeed. Even the weather was in our favor.

All the sessions were well attended, being of an inspirational as well as of an instructive nature. They were also abundantly interspersed with musical numbers, thus supplying ample change and the necessary rest for the mind. A picture of the large choir of the Linton Church, that favored us repeatedly with selections, appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

The general theme for discussion was "The Christian Church, Its Nature and Mission." Papers, addresses and ser-

mons on various phases of this theme were given by the Reverends A. Ittermann, F. Trautner, B. Schliff, A. Guenther, W. J. Luebeck, A. Stelter, O. Lohse, A. W. Weyhrauch, C. M. Knapp, G. W. Pust, A. Krombein, J. R. Matz and E. S. Fenske.

We were very fortunate in having with us three distinguished visitors, namely the Rev. S. Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," Prof. Otto E. Krueger from our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., and Dr. Fred Stockton, executive secretary of the Baptist Churches of North Dakota. The Rev. S. Blum was with us throughout the conference period, and his expositions from John's epistles with a strong emphasis on the victorious life, as well as all of his messages, found much favor with the people. The same was true of the stirring messages by Prof. Krueger during his two days' stay with us. Dr. Stockton brought us a vivid report of the Northern Baptist Convention which he had attended in Philadelphia.

With the table so richly laden with spiritual bounties the days of the convention slipped by rather fast. But we trust that the impressions may remain with us and influence us for a long time to come, making us more genuinely Christian and more worthwhile members of the church for which our Lord suffered and died.

G. W. PUST, Reporter.

The Annual Report of the Madison B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak., has recently completed a successful year under the leadership of its president, Mr. Don Krug.

Meetings were conducted every Sunday evening before the service. We had six socials during the year. As is customary, our annual program was given on Thanksgiving evening. We also held an Easter sunrise service on Easter morning, and on Mother's Day we presented the play "The House on the Sand." On Sunday, June 6, we again gave the same play in Dell Rapids, So. Dak.

On Tuesday evening, June 29, we had our annual midsummer banquet with an attendance of 75 young people. A "Ship" theme was carried out with colors of blue and white dominating. Ships decorated the tables in various ways. Miss Dorothy Schroeder was toast-mistress. The toasts were given as follows: "Friendship," Dorothy Krueger; "Companionship," Lou Ella Paschdorf; "Partnership," Alice Husman; "Worship," Eunice Kolashefsky; "Stewardship," Graydon Rohrer; and "Lordship," the Rev. T. W. Bender of Emery, So. Dak.

Following the banquet the young people met together for their annual business meeting. The president reported that a piano had been bought by the B. Y. P. U. and that curtains had also been purchased. In the future we shall have only two meetings a month, one to be a devotional and social meeting on an evening during the week, and the other on Sunday night when the young people will take charge of the entire evening service. Plans were also made for observing the 50th anniversary of the B. Y. P. U.

The following officers were elected: Orville Backus, president; Graydon Rohrer, vice-president; Eleanore Jung, secretary; and Raymond Heinold, treasurer.

We are grateful that the Lord has been with us and guided us during the past year. May he continue to bless us!

EUNICE KOLASHEFSKY, Reporter.

Northern Conference News From the Saskatchewan Tri-Union Convention at Edenwald

The Saskatchewan Tri Union, consisting of Sunday School, Young People's and Music departments, held its yearly session at the Edenwald Baptist Church from June 25 to 27. The representatives and guests from about twelve different churches gathered once more in order to have fellowship with one another and, above all, with the Lord.

After a short introductory service the Rev. A. Reeh from Yorkton took charge of the service. The first inter-

esting item on the program was the roll call of the various groups of young people from their respective churches. Each group answered either by singing some chorus or by reciting a verse of Scripture. Following a selection by a male quartet the Rev. J. Weinbender from S. uthey gave a short report of the Sunday School, stressing the need for more and better Sunday Schools. The Rev. John Kepl from Regina gave a brief resume of the young people's work. The 416 members have conducted 200 meetings, 25 prayer meetings, 31 Bible Classes, 41 programs and the like. It may be interesting to know that 54 of these young people attended Bible Schools during the last year. The report of the music department, given by Mr. Butz, was also interesting.

On Friday evening the Tri Union rendered a splendid program in the Edenwald Town Hall. The seats were all taken sometime before the commencement of the program. Although the program was somewhat lengthy, no one seemed to mind. We closed at eleven o'clock, and everybody went home with a happy heart.

On Saturday morning after a short devotional service, the Rev. A. Reeh gave a lecture on "The Influence of the Bible Schools." He stressed the necessity of Bible Schools because the public schools do not offer any compulsory courses in religion, and the Sunday School teaching is not sufficient to give our youth a fair understanding of the most important science, the science of God. The next speaker, Mr. Kuehn, spoke on "The Blessings of the Christian Music in Song." It was most interesting to hear under what circumstances some of our songs were composed. Then we also were privileged to listen to a most uplifting message, entitled "Dangers of Youth," by Professor Meyer of Rochester.

On Saturday evening we had a consecration meeting which was well attended. Mr. Rempel from Fenwood gave a short message on "The Surrendered Life." The service as a whole was beautified by several selections in song and instrumental music. In closing the audience was admonished to go home quietly and reverently and at home to surrender their lives anew to Christ.

Sunday, the final day of fellowship, was a day of blessing, indeed. In the morning service Professor Meyer spoke on "The Christian Influence," having Matthew 5:13, 14 as his text. In the afternoon at the final service we heard two messages by the Rev. E. Bonikowsky from Esk and by the Rev. Wm. Hoover from Detroit. The power of God's presence was felt by many a heart, for God spoke in this last service very definitely to his people. The days of the Tri Union were, indeed, like the days that Peter, James and John experienced on the mountain when they saw nothing but "Jesus alone." E. M. WEGNER, Reporter.

Eastern Conference Evangelistic Services in the Neustadt, Ontario, Church

The German Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, Canada, enjoyed a splendid series of evangelistic services for a period of two weeks from May 30 to June 13. The Rev. O. W. Stucky of Detroit, Mich., was the successful evangelist.

The reading of the Bible by the congregation is one of the features of the work of Mr. Stucky. It has not only stimulated a new interest in the Scriptures, but it has led many into a deeper experience of divine grace. During the two weeks' campaign there were 7337 chapters reported read by the congregation, and 101 persons signed a Bible reading covenant. Many testified of the spiritual blessings received.

There were 22 persons who accepted the Lord as their personal Savior and 40 persons reconsecrated their lives to the service of the Lord.

GEORGE ZINZ, Pastor.

Report of the Fine Ontario Convention Held in Arnprior

The annual convention of the German Baptist Association of the province of Ontario in Canada met with the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, of which the Rev. A. E. Jaster is pastor, from June 30 to July 4.

We were favorably welcomed by the pastor of the Arnprior Church, and after the response to that welcome by the Rev. George Zinz the Rev. A. E. Jaster paved the way into the convention days with his wonderful address, entitled "The Supreme Purpose of Life."

The next morning found us in the full swing of the business and inspirational sessions of the convention. Professor Arthur A. Schade, professor at our seminary at Rochester, N. Y., brought us three wonderful and soul inspiring addresses on the gospel of John on the themes: "The Gospel of John," "Jesus or the Christ of John's Gospel," and "The Idea of Salvation According to the Gospel of John." These lectures were received with great enthusiasm, for they were inspirational as well as educational. The following addresses were given by the Rev. George Zinz: "Believer's Name," and the Sunday morning sermon on "Look Upon Jesus Alone." The Rev. A. E. Jaster brought us an address on "The Future of Our Convention."

On Thursday afternoon four young women of the B. Y. P. U. conducted a symposium. The papers that were read were as follows: "Does Jesus Challenge the Youth of Today?" by Magdalene Jahn "Does the Youth of Today Need Jesus?" by Lois Woermke, "What Does Youth Expect of the Church?" by Ruth Zinz, and "What Does the Church Expect of Youth?" by Edna Werch. All four papers impressed upon our minds the tremendous need of mutual recog-



The Orchestra of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey

nition and understanding of service by youth and age.

The evening services were all richly inspired by God. A play on Thursday evening by the Arnprior B. Y. P. U. entitled, "Just Outside the Door," was presented after a brief talk by the Rev. John Heer on "The Choice of a Free Will." Then we cannot forget the banquet, which was so wonderfully planned by the Arnprior Church and its young people, at which the president of the B. Y. P. U. was toastmaster and at which occasion Professor Arthur A. Schade gave a talk entitled, "This Fast World in Which We Live Today."

The climax came on Sunday, July 4. The Sunday School was well attended and inspirational talks were rendered by the visiting pastors. After Sunday School we listened to a worshipful and inspiring sermon by the Rev. George Zinz. The afternoon was given over to the Women's Missionary Society. At this time Mrs. Schade brought the main address. The thoughts that she stressed mostly were that we all must fulfill our obligations in the church program. Mrs. Jaster also brought an inspiring talk, and others took part in the program as well. The Sunday evening service was highly exalted by the sermon to which we were privileged to listen, which was brought by Professor Schade. His topic was "Have a Drink," having reference to the woman at Jacob's well.

The days of our convention were enriched by duets from the Schade and Woermke sisters and the Arnprior church choir which rendered music at different occasions. The devotional periods were taken care of by the visiting pastors in the mornings and by the young people in the afternoons.

JOHN HEER, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference The Large Orchestra in the Evangel Church of Newark, J. N., in Its Varied Ministry

Ever since entering upon his present pastorate, the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, pastor of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., has held before him a vision of what might be accomplished in the Sunday evening services if there were a group of talented young people, wholly consecrated to the Lord, organized as an orchestra and playing for the service on each Sunday evening. Talking about it, praying about it and making suggestions finally brought results.

About a year and one-half ago a group of young people decided that they would do their best and see what could be done. Twenty-two or three attended a class of instruction at one of the nearby music schools. In this class 7 different instruments were being studied. In spite of this variety, we managed to learn enough so that in the fall, together with others who already knew how to play some instruments, and under the capable leadership of our director, Mr. Lee Olson of Bayside, Long Island, the orchestra was organized and it has continued throughout the winter and spring months.

Although our rehearsals began in October, our organization meeting was not held until February when our first annual banquet was held. At this time the following were elected to hold office for one year: John Brueschwyler, president; Mrs. Ruth Greeney, vice-president; Miss Elizabeth Bayley, treasurer; Miss Hazel Bowers, secretary; and Denton Reilly, librarian.

Our first concert was given on March 25. The offering received at this concert was used toward the purchase of the bass fiddle which is owned by the organization. Our second concert was given on June 16. Much progress was noticed between these two concerts. The offering at this second concert was given for the purchase of a folding organ which was used this summer for park meetings. The orchestra has been assisting at these park meetings which are held each Sunday afternoon in one of the city parks.

The Evangel Baptist Church Orchestra has had a very humble beginning but we feel we have had God's singular blessing. We hope that in the very near future we shall be fulfilling the vision in which the orchestra was born. A recent picture of the orchestra accompanies this report in "The Baptist Herald."

GRACE KETTENBURG, Reporter.

Inspiring Ministers' Institute at Bradley Beach

The Ministers' Institute of the Atlantic Conference was held at the Bradley Beach Cottage from June 28 to July 2. The program committee with the Rev. E. Berger as chairman had formulated a program which was both inspirational and educational in its scope. The general topic for the Institute was "Revitalizing the Christian Church in Our Day."

The opening gun was fired by the Rev. E. Berger on Monday evening. His message on Pentecost was an inspiring challenge to all who heard it and clearly called our attention to the fact that if the church is to be revitalized there must be a Pentecostal outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

The morning devotional services were led by the Rev. J. Niebuhr on the theme "Peter the Leader," by the Rev. C. Peters on "Power for Service," by the Rev. Herman Kuhl on "Powerless Disciples," and by the Rev. V. Prendergaster on those beautiful words of Jesus, "I am the way, the truth and the life."

The papers for discussion dealt very practically with the problems before us for consideration. The first paper of the Institute was presented by the Rev. Julius Kaaz of New Haven on the theme, "Do We Need a New Type of Organization or More Effective Preaching?" The second paper was brought by the Rev. Alfred Bernadt of Brooklyn, N. Y., on the theme, "Do We Need a New Approach to Religion?" The third paper was presented by the Rev. M. R. Schroeder of Philadelphia on the theme, "Do We Need a New Church Technique?" The last paper was given by the Rev. V. Brushwyler of Newark, N. J., on the topic "Do We Need a New Conception of Christ?"

Whereas the morning sessions emphasized the practical aspects of our general subject, the evening sermons laid their major emphasis upon the spiritual content of our theme. The Tuesday evening message was brought by the Rev. Herman Kaaz on the topic, "I Will Build My Church." The message on Wednesday evening was brought by Professor William A. Mueller of Philadelphia who used as his text the words of Romans 8:18. The last evening message was brought by the Rev. J. Grygo of New York City. It was an informal heart to heart talk on the topic, "The Difficulties Facing the Minister."

For all those who attended, the Institute proved to be a time of real spiritual challenge and inspiration. Honestly and fearlessly we faced a problem whose ramifications, like the little foxes, are gnawing at the church structure in this day, and still all of us felt that, as great as the problem was, "His grace is sufficient for our needs."

Not only was this a time of spiritual refreshing but also a period for the recreating and strengthening of our bodies. The relaxation to be found at the sandy beach, the long walks in the evening, the social fellowship among ministers and their wives, as well as the bounteous hospitality extended to us by those in charge of the Cottage helped to make this a real vacation in every sense of the term. Nor do we want to forget the kindness of Mr. F. A. Wurzbach in making possible the ministers' "much needed exercise" by bowling and the thoughtfulness of Mrs. Christian Schmidt in providing delicious ice cream and cake.

As we look back upon that week and remember all that it contained for us in spiritual inspiration, Christian fellowship and physical relaxation we say with the hymn writer, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

EMIL D. GRUEN, Correspondent.

A SONG FOREVER

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trembled,—"I can say tonight that I love the Lord Jesus and no price is too great to pay for the privilege of being true to him, the matchless, adorable Son of God.... I'd rather be anything in the world than a hypocrite, and if you ever see anything in my conduct unbecoming a Christian, I want you to tell me—not others. My past, you all know; its pages are black, but with Paul I say, *'Forgetting those things which are past and reaching forward unto those things which are before!'* He does not hold against us our confessed, forsaken and forgiven sins."

Gardner sat down with a feeling of humble satisfaction. His eyes roamed over the audience. In his zeal and fervor he had forgotten Mrs. Harrison. He caught a fleeting glimpse of Lela's transfigured features as his eyes focused on her mother. Mrs. Harrison's lips were firmly pressed together, yet Gardner fancied he caught a gleam of admiration in her eyes. He could not know that her thoughts were not of him but of Mr. Howard, with whom, years ago, there had once been a promising romance. Nor could he know that it was because she had heard that Mr. Howard was conducting the meeting that she had changed her mind about coming.

Gardner started. The swinging doors into the church vestibule were part way open! Was it—? Yes, it was! Old Dan Towers' face! Old Dan had looked in for a fleeting moment and then had gone! So, Gardner thought, God hadn't given up Old Dan yet.

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OBITUARY

MRS. MINNIE KLAAS

Mrs. Minnie Klaas, nee Gledinghagen, was born near Mt. Sterling, Mo., on Jan. 18, 1874 and died on June 10, 1937. In her youth she was converted and baptized by the Rev. J. Baasener on March 27, 1891 and became a member of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church.

She was married to Mr. Fritz Klaas on May 23, 1895. Four children were born to them, one dying in infancy. In the early years of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Klaas moved to a farm at Koenig, Mo. About 15 years ago they became members of the Koenig M. E. Church, where the funeral services were held on June 13. A former pastor of that church delivered the funeral sermon, using for his theme, "Life." Mrs. Klaas, indeed, lived a beautiful Christian life. So large was the crowd that the services had to be held on the church grounds, and the many floral tributes showed proof of the love and esteem in which our dear departed was held.

Though suffering with the awful disease, cancer, she could cheerfully say, "There is no fear." She knew her Savior so well, that his comfort lifted her over pain and suffering.

She is survived by her husband, her sons, Henry and Charles, a daughter, Mrs. Edna Hucksholdt, a step mother, Mrs. Caroline Gledinghagen, 3 half-brothers, 3 half-sisters and other relatives. May the good Lord comfort the bereaved family!

We of the Pin Oak Creek Church cherish the sweet memories of what she has meant to us in former days and of her visits with us even in her later years.

Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church,
Mt. Sterling, Mo.

Daily Bible Readings

Based on the International
Sunday School Lessons

Friday, August 20

Strength Through Worship
Read Psalm 27:1-3

Saturday, August 21

Joy in Worship
Read Psalm 122:1-9

Sunday, August 22

God's Tabernacle With Men
Read Revelation 21:1-8

Monday, August 23

The Sin of National Leaders
Read Leviticus 10:1-11

Tuesday, August 24

Warning Against Wine
Read Proverbs 23:29-35

Wednesday, August 25

Drunkenness Condemned
Read Isaiah 28:1-8

Thursday, August 26

Sobriety Commended
Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Friday, August 27

The Two Paths
Read Proverbs 4:10-19

Saturday, August 28

Social Responsibility
Read 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

Sunday, August 29

The True Christian Policy
Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

Monday, August 30

Respect for Parents
Read Leviticus 19:9-18, 32-37

Tuesday, August 31

Social Obligations
Read Leviticus 19:9-18

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Love to Enemies
Read Luke 6:27-38

Thursday, Sept. 2

The Rich Man and Lazarus
Read Luke 16:19-26

Friday, Sept. 3

A Plea for Christian Justice
Read Philemon 8-20

Saturday, Sept. 4

The Lord's Judgment Upon the Unjust
Read Amos 8:4-8

Sunday, Sept. 5

Our Duty Toward Offenders
Read Matthew 18:21-35

A Thought for the Day

"We teach much by what we say;
We teach more by what we do;
We teach most by what we are."