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Beautiful Mount Canon Reflected in the Crystal Clear Water of Lake McDonald in Glacier National Park.

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What's Happening

On Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 26, the B. Y. P. U. of Underwood, North Dakota, presented the play, "A Double Gift" to a large and appreciative audience. An offering of \$28 was received for the missionary work of our denomination. The Rev. Emil Becker is pastor of the church in connection with the German Baptist Church of Washburn.

The Rev. C. A. Gruhn of Missoula, Montana, has been sent by the General Missionary Society of the denomination to Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, where he will spend six months in missionary service. A small church building there serves the group of German Baptists for their services. This has always been a difficult field, and a final attempt is being made with Mr. Gruhn's leadership to build up the work.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hill was celebrated in the German Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, with many friends in attendance. The pastor of the church, the Rev. C. H. Edinger, brought an address of congratulations. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hill are prominent in church activities and serving as Sunday School teachers. Mr. Hill is one of the deacons of the church.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 22, the Sunday School and young people's society of the First German Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon, presented the Mission and Harvest Festival program to an audience that taxed the capacity of the church. A large offering was received for missionary purposes. Mr. Sam Schirman is superintendent of the Sunday School. In the morning service the pastor, the Rev. John Olthoff, preached on "Giving."

Mr. Christoph Lengefeld of Gatesville, Texas, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his baptism on Nov. 11 with members and the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Buening, of the Bethel Church, of which he is a member and a deacon, joining in the expression of good will. Mr. Lengefeld was baptized in 1886 by the Rev. George Meyer in Kassel, Germany. He is widely known in the Southland for his active and prominent service in our Kyle and Gatesville churches.

The Rev. H. Ekrut, pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas, was pleasantly surprised on the evening of Nov. 9, which was his birthday, by members of the church. Mr.

B. Lampert, deacon, was in charge of the appropriate program and presented to the pastor a gift, which amounted to \$2 for every one of the 56 years of his life. Certainly, by such festivals of Christian fellowship the ties of love and friendship between pastor and church are strengthened.

Dr. William Duesselmann, Jr., the resident house surgeon at Meadowbrook Hospital, Long Island, N. Y., and Miss D. Ethel Pennington, assistant to the superintendent of nurses of that institution, were married on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Christ Church, Oyster Bay, Long Island. Dr. Duesselmann is well known in the eastern states because of his work among the young people of our denomination in New York and the students at the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester.

In November the Rev. G. G. Rauser assisted in evangelistic meetings for two weeks which were held in the Germantown Church near Cathay, North Dakota, as a result of which six young people were converted. The Rev. D. Klein, pastor of the Germantown Church, had previously assisted Mr. Rauser in similar services held in the German Baptist Church of Martin, North Dakota. The meetings were well attended and 16 persons professed their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist Church of Harlem of New York City, recently elected its new officers for 1936-37 who are as follows: Mr. F. J. Maeder, superintendent; Rev. Frank Orthner, assistant superintendent; Miss Ethel Ehrenstein, secretary; Miss Evelyn Stevens, assistant secretary; Mr. Alfred F. Orthner, treasurer; Miss Johanna Korman, pianist; Messrs. Wm. Kosik and John Lauber, ushers; Mr. Wm. Kosik, recording secretary; Mr. Maeder, Miss M. Kosik and Rev. F. Orthner, program committee.

The Christmas banquet of the Young People's Union of Chicago and vicinity was held in the Lincoln Belmont Y. M. C. A. on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, with many young people in attendance and a variety of interesting numbers on the fine program. The Rev. L. H. Broecker of St. Joseph, Mich., was the special speaker and Mr. J. Stratton Shufelt of the Moody Memorial Church was the song leader. The Shufelt trio sang a number of songs. The president, Mr. Roy Anderson, was toastmaster of the inspiring occasion.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 22, the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Professor and Mrs. A. J. Ramaker with the pastor of the church, the Rev. David Hamel, in charge of the festive program. Among those presenting their congratulations were Professors Lewis Kaiser, A. Bretschneider, F. W. C. Meyer, and Thomas Wearing as well as Mrs. H. Dymmel in behalf of the Women's Missionary Society and Miss Clara Hamel of the Amity Class.

The Rev. W. W. Knauf of Anamoose, North Dakota, baptized 11 persons on profession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, Nov. 15, in the German Baptist Church of Fessenden. The Anamoose church is not equipped with a baptistry. The conversions came largely as the result of evangelistic meetings conducted by the Reverends G. G. Rauser and N. E. McCoy. With the first Sunday in October a teacher training class was begun in the Anamoose Church with Mr. Knauf as teacher. The textbook being used is C. J. Sharp's "New Training for Service."

The Rev. William Schweitzer has been ably serving the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, since the third Sunday in September. On Nov. 18 the Harvest and Mission Festival program was held. The Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week was observed on two Sundays with a missionary offering of \$30. Mr. Schweitzer hopes to conduct two or three weeks of evangelistic meetings after the first of the year. The Rev. William Schweitzer, a brother of the Rev. John Schweitzer of Vancouver, Canada, has served our churches at Hebron, Kansas, and Sheboygan, Wis.

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Editorial

IT IS a great deal more than a happy coincidence that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the service of Mr. H. P. Donner as business manager

A Business Manager By The Grace of God

of the Publication Society falls on the date set aside for the New Year's number of "The Baptist Herald." There is an irresistible spiritual challenge about Mr. Donner's ministry through the past quarter of a century that sets one's gaze on higher and eternal things and that urges one to make far-reaching resolutions for one's life.

As we review the past year with its woes and joys, its shortcomings and achievements, we must conclude, if we have the Christian outlook, that what we have done or attained with any abiding significance is entirely due to the grace of God. It is true that without God we can do nothing worth while. For we are what we are by the grace of God. If we have labored abundantly, it is not we who have accomplished great things but the grace of God that was with us. It is not even we who live, but Christ who liveth in us. That truth is basic to all Christian living. It must be the central focus of every New Year's resolution which is made for the improvement of our lives.

This profound Christian principle of God's grace, freely bestowed upon those who are consecrated to do his will, has been embodied to a superlative degree in the story of Mr. Donner's life. Achievements of brilliant success and the possible attainments of wealth and business fame lie strewn along the pilgrimage of his years. But with humble spirit and unreserved devotion, Mr. Donner has always followed God's distinct guidance. That moving story is told for the readers of "The Baptist Herald" in the articles of this issue, commemorative of the anniversary. Like the cobbler in the beautiful book, "Hiram Golf's Religion," who felt called of God to his task until

it glowed with the divine light in his life that was set upon a hill, so Mr. H. P. Donner has been a business manager by the grace of God whose witness has gone out into the far corners of the world and who has proclaimed the gospel of Christ with unique and persuasive power.

His ministry to the youth of our denomination needs to receive its due emphasis. His personal Christian winsomeness, illumined by a profound earnestness and sincerity, has opened the doors into the hearts of many young men and women. His winning smile has endeared him to the youth of several generations. His invaluable counsels have helped many to make the right decisions. Mr. Norman J. Boehm, president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, has spoken for the youth of our churches in expressing to Mr. Donner their high esteem in which he is held everywhere.

The editor of "The Baptist Herald" would like to add his personal word to the tributes in honor of Mr. Donner which are given the feature space in this issue. A trip to the Pacific Coast which Mr. Donner and Mrs. Donner undertook some years ago in the interest of the Publication Society left its loving, spiritual imprint especially upon the life of a young high school lad. Every new contact with Mr. Donner has added its luster to that friendship. His deep interest in the youth of our churches and his personal solicitation for the success of "The Baptist Herald" have contributed greatly to the joy of the editor in his service.

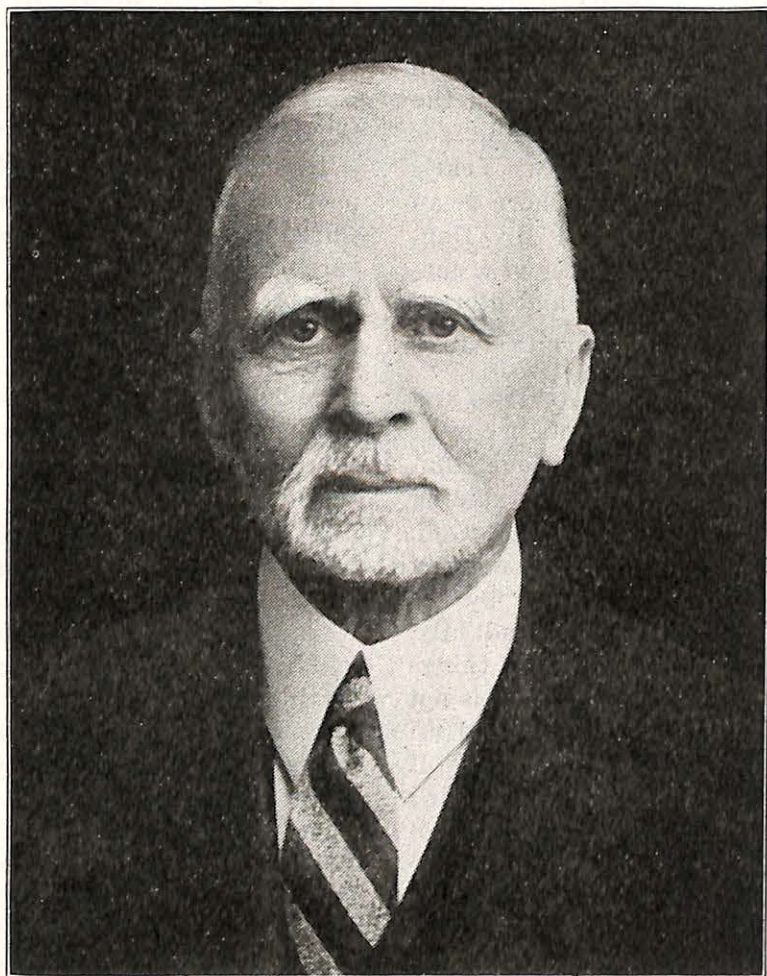
Through the ministry of the business manager of our Publication Society, which now extends down the avenue of twenty-five years, the spirit of Christ has ever been glorified. He is, indeed, a business manager by the grace of God, of whose gifts he has received bountifully and of whose stewardship he can give a noble account. Let us thank God for such ministers, whom he has called to the business fields of life!

25 Years as Business Manager

By REV. G. H. SCHNECK, President of the Publication Society

"IF IT were a matter of money, Mr. Donner would not go, but inasmuch as it is a conscientious question with him, there is nothing to be said." This remark was made by a member of the firm of Joseph Horne Company in Pittsburgh, Pa., when Mr. H. P. Donner's resignation was finally and regretfully accepted. For several years he had faithfully served this firm as assistant manager and for sixteen years as credit manager. But with him the acceptance of the call to become the business manager of the German Baptist Publication Society in Cleveland was at the time and is today a matter of discerning the higher values of life as compared with the temporal.

Mr. Donner had been a trustee of our Publication Society from 1895 to 1907, and so he knew what he was coming to in assuming the business management at the beginning of the year, 1912, exactly twenty-five years ago. His deep interest in the work of the Lord, his fine Christian personality, his tact, his unusual gift as a public speaker had brought to him a formal call from the Second German Baptist Church in Cleveland, now the



Mr. H. P. Donner, Business Manager of the German Baptist Publication Society for 25 Years

White Avenue Church, to become its pastor while he was still in business life. He had also been approached by an English-speaking church to become its shepherd, but his inclinations did not seem to be in that direction. He had been wondering all the time if the Lord would not open a way for him where his business experience could also be of direct use in the Kingdom of God. Thus, he was fully justified in accepting the call

to the position which he has held for these twenty-five years and still holds as the call coming from God.

Mr. Donner looks at our publication work as a business proposition and conducts it as such in every detail in the spirit of Christ, whom he puts uppermost in all dealings. He masters the many problems of cost and production. As a business our Publication Society cannot escape the general economic conditions. During the prosperous years it

has contributed a fair share of the profits to our general missionary work.

The most notable result of Mr. Donner's business efficiency and far-sightedness is our new building on Payne Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, next to the old building which served its purpose from 1878 to 1926. It was no easy task to convince the board of trustees of the necessity of erecting a new plant in conformity with the needs as they confronted us. With a quiet, firm and wise persistence he carried it through. In fact, the outstanding and most characteristic traits of his management are his clear insight into the needs

of our establishment in Cleveland and into the needs of our churches and his readiness to adapt himself to these needs and to meet them.

During the last two decades we have also witnessed a change in our denomination, a change which had to be met by our Publication Society in providing an English magazine and religious literature in the English language, just about at the time when Mr. Donner became the business

manager. He certainly has been a wise and willing counselor in all of this transitional period. The name or title, "The Baptist Herald," was suggested by him for the English periodical.

Again and again we have heard Mr. Donner say that he considers our Publication Society and his personal connection with it mainly as missionary work. This conception of it is probably the secret, not only of his business methods and goals, but also of his remarkable capacity to carry on effectively as the years go by. In

working with him on our board of trustees and in listening to his reports at our conferences we are always impressed by his fine way of keeping his own personality discreetly and quietly in the background and of putting the woe and weal of the work in the foreground. He does not belong to those who wish to be heard all the time. He is one of the best "listeners" whom we know, and yet his opinions and recommendations, always well planned, again and again have shown the way to conservation and to advance.

H. P. Donner and Our Denomination

By REV. WILLIAM KUHN, General Missionary Secretary

THIS twenty-fifth anniversary of the service of Mr. H. P. Donner offers a challenging opportunity of reviewing the past years. At such a time we pause to make an appraisal of his life-work and to pay a well deserved tribute. Although Mr. Donner has never had the hand of an ordaining council placed upon him, nevertheless, he has been unmistakably sealed by God himself as a true minister of Jesus Christ.

There is some resemblance between Mr. H. P. Donner and Timothy, that spiritual son and like-minded co-worker of the great apostle Paul. "The unfeigned faith" that was in Timothy dwelt also first in his grandmother Lois and in his mother Eunice. The father of Mr. H. P. Donner had already given incontestable proof of his love to and loyalty for our denomination, when he, for conscience sake, severed his relationship with another denomination and cast his lot with the insignificantly small German Baptist churches of that day. While walking in the footsteps of his father in relationship to the denomination, Mr. H. P. Donner has reached heights of influence never dreamed of by his revered father.

The devotion to our denomination and the confidence which he has placed in it have both been evidenced by the sacrifice that Mr. Donner has voluntarily made. The Jews on one occasion recommended a Roman centurion to the mercies of the Savior, when they said: "He loves our nation and has built us a synagogue." We can truthfully say of Mr. H. P. Donner: "He loves our denomination for he has voluntarily sacrificed a lucrative and promising business position to enter the service of our denomination."

Whenever the Lord entrusts an important commission to one of his servants, he always sees to it that such a servant receives adequate preparation. Mr. Donner is no exception to this divine rule of God's administration. During those many years of varied business experience and while he was carrying on as a faithful Christian worker and lay-preacher, God was preparing him

for the crowning ministry of his life. The business experience and those fine spiritual endowments are both essential factors in the making of Mr. H. P. Donner as our business manager.

Those of us who know him intimately and enjoy his confidence are assured that he considers himself definitely commissioned of God to work for the welfare and prosperity of the German Baptists of North America. When the risen and victorious Christ was exalted to the place of power, he gave gifts unto men. One of his gifts to us as a denomination was Mr. H. P. Donner. God's administrative programs are always carried out punctually on time.

Although Brother Donner's principal connection has been with the Publication Society, nevertheless, his interest and his influence have extended into every phase of our denominational life. It is recorded that the sweet perfume of Mary's outpoured ointment filled the entire home in Bethany. With equal truth it can be stated that the ministry of Mr. Donner has been a blessing to our entire denominational household. It is never by chance or by selfish aspiration that any man can make for himself such a high place of influence and blessing in our denomination. The big heart of Mr. Donner could not be filled by caring only for the interest of the Publication Society, but the whole denomination has found a place therein.

We are delighted to believe that God assigns to each of his servants his own particular ministry and endows each servant with the necessary equipment of talent, temperament and personality. It gives us much joy to pay this simple tribute to our colleague and fellow-laborer for the welfare of our beloved denomination. We are glad that he is still with us. The Lord has blessed him with exceptional health and keen mental and spiritual powers. May he be spared to us yet a while, so that he can bring his blessed ministry in our beloved denomination to a glorious culmination in the light that shines from the Father's house!

A Bouquet Presented by the Women

By MRS. LOUISE A. SCHNECK, President of the National Women's Missionary Union

Many years ago, while living in Rochester, New York, one of the members of our church, who had come from Pittsburgh, often spoke of Mr. Donner to me. At that time I had never met him. What was said about him had to do with his traits of being a very fine Christian.

After meeting him, I soon found that all that was said was true, and this impression has only been deepened by repeated meetings with him in later years. He was always courteous and helpful at the conferences whenever I asked him for advice in regards to material for programs for Ladies' Aid Societies.

What impressed me more than anything else

in knowing him was his interest in all branches of our denominational work. Leaders and workers in our general work are naturally inclined to be absorbed in their specific branch or department. It is not so with Mr. Donner. While our publication society assumes the first place in his thoughts and efforts, he has always revealed a sympathetic and active interest in the other branches of our denominational endeavors.

I am sure that the National Union of the Women's Missionary Societies is grateful for the work which he has been doing and is doing. May God give him strength and joy to carry on in the work to which he has called him!

H. P. Donner, the Man and the Christian

By PROFESSOR HERMAN VON BERGE of Dayton, Ohio

A PANEGYRIC, that is nothing but fulsome praise, is as annoying to him whom it concerns as it is to those who hear or read it. It is received with a shrug of the shoulder and then dismissed. But when it can be honestly given, it is helpful and it has divine sanction. Honor to whom honor is due! Why should we not gratefully remind ourselves of some of the most valuable possessions we have? The real assets of a denomination are not its funds but its friends, not its goodly means but its godly men and women.

Those of us who have known Mr. L. H. Donner, who a generation or so ago stood out with the spiritual leaders among the ministers of our denomination, can never think of the personal and spiritual qualities of the son without thinking of the invaluable inheritance that has come to him from so noble a father. Mr. H. P. Donner's mysticism, his doctrinal conservatism, the devout intimacies of his prayer life are some of the traits which the son has in common with his father.

That does not mean that Mr. Donner lives by the faith of his father. He has his very own. His religion is first hand. It has come out of his own religious experiences and is grounded in his own thinking and searching after truth. That has made him a man of deep convictions, firmly rooted and grounded in his faith. How the world has needed such at all times!

Mr. Donner has been an inspiring example to us in his fine Christian devotion to his trust. When he accepted the call to become manager of our publication house, he did what not many others in his position would have done. From a purely

business point of view it was far from being a promotion. Only a man who recognizes a higher power in his life than the call of temporal self-interest, could have acted as he did. Some day, when we shall see earthly values in the light of eternity, we shall know how wisely he has chosen. We do know now what a singularly efficient training and personal equipment he has brought to a difficult and often trying task, and how faithfully he has served the cause dear to his heart during these many years as his God-given mission.

Those of us who have had the privilege of being associated with Mr. Donner in the work of the publication society for a number of years, as the writer has been since 1922, have learned to recognize and to respect the manly qualities in his character. In matters of business he has always been a careful analyst of whatever problems have come before him. When a solution was reached, he stood by it with fine courtesy but unflinching firmness.

A man of that type would naturally stand with the same unyielding firmness by his religious convictions. But there is no trace of narrow bigotry in his make-up. The right of personal convictions that he demands for himself, he cheerfully concedes to his brethren. With his qualities of manliness, which make us all respect him, he combines those of brotherliness, which make us all love him.

We all thank God that such a man has been ours for so many years and for the fine influence that he has had in the shaping of our denominational life in the important position that he has held among us.

The Recent Celebration of Mr. H. P. Donner's 25th Anniversary as Business Manager of the Publication Society

By the REV. WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL, Secretary

God has his chosen servants for every task and purpose. We gain this assurance, not only through the study of God's Word, but we find it substantiated in the history of the Christian Church as well as in the history of our denomination.

After the passing of Mr. K. P. Bickel as manager of the society 25 years ago the board found it not easy to fill this important vacancy. The matter became a subject of serious deliberation and fervent prayer.

At that particular time Mr. H. P. Donner was credit manager of the leading department store, The Joseph Horne Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Donner's name had been suggested to the board, but no one thought that he would accept, because the salary which our board could offer him was not at all near the one he was receiving. How often we are near defeat because of our own faith! However, when God moves the hearts of men, all material inequalities vanish. According to human estimate Mr. Donner accepted the leadership of our Publication Society at a substantial monetary sacrifice. However, he never considered the matter from this point of view and, indeed, dislikes the mention of it. For him, it was not a sacrifice but an opportunity to express his love and devotion to his Master and his denomination.

For 25 years Mr. Donner has been serving ably and well as manager of the Publication Society. It is the expressed wish of all members of the board that he continue in this capacity for many years.

It was, therefore, with a real sense of joy and pleasure that we gathered here in Cleveland on Tuesday, October 27, to celebrate this unusual anniversary. The members of the board met on that day to transact the annual business. The various reports of the manager and the editors cheered us greatly, for now, for the first time in years, we have reasons to look forward unafraid. The grade is upward, very gradual to be sure, but upward, nevertheless.

The anniversary celebration began with a banquet in the "Fellowship Hall" of the White Avenue Church of Cleveland. It was a family affair. Naturally, Mr. Donner and his children were our guests of honor. The members of the board with their wives, the employees of the publication house with their wives and a few intimate friends constituted the happy gather-

ing, numbering 52 persons. The tables were fittingly decorated with silver trimmings, and the tasty and sumptuous dinner was served by the charming members of "The Ever Ready Circle" of the entertaining church. Mr. S. Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote" served as toastmaster in a delightful manner. Representatives of the various departments of our publication house spoke words of congratulation, and Miss L. Jurgens, secretary to Mr. Donner, representing all the employees presented him with a useful gift in honor of the occasion. Brief words of congratulations were further brought by Mrs. G. H. Schneck, president of the National Union of Women's Missionary Societies; Norman Boehm, president of the Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union, and Mr. E. E. Staub of Detroit, a good friend of Mr. Donner.

The actual celebration, however, was held in the auditorium of the White Avenue Church, which was crowded by friends and members of the three Cleveland churches. The Rev. G. H. Schneck, chairman of the board, presided. The male chorus of the Erin Avenue Church rendered two selections. The following ten minute addresses were delivered in honor of Mr. Donner: "H. P. Donner and Our Publication Society" by the Rev. G. H. Schneck, "H. P. Donner and Our Denomination" by the Rev. E. Umbach, and "H. P. Donner, the Man and the Christian" by Prof. Herman von Berge. After a selection by the choir of the White Avenue Church the chairman, Mr. G. R. Schneck, representing the members of the board, presented Mr. Donner with a bouquet of 25 chrysanthemums. The honored guest was now granted the opportunity to express his feelings and emotions. In true Christian humility Mr. Donner rose to the occasion, giving God thanks for the privilege of serving him and his cause throughout the past 25 years and concluded by giving thanks to all those who had contributed toward the success of the celebration.

After the benediction all reassembled in the "Fellowship Hall" where refreshments were served and where everyone had the opportunity of greeting informally, not only Mr. Donner, but also the individual members of the board. It was a delightful occasion, indeed, a celebration in honor of a man who has served his Lord and Master for 25 years with undivided loyalty and full devotion.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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The Rev. P. Geissler, pastor of the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., baptized four persons on profession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, Nov. 1, and on the last Sunday of the month, Nov. 27, he baptized eight other persons. The Rev. S. Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, served the church with inspirational gospel messages which were a source of blessing to all from Nov. 8 to 15. The pastor wrote that "the church had experienced a blessed season of spiritual refreshing." On Sunday, Dec. 6, at the communion service the 12 persons who had been baptized and one other were welcomed into the fellowship of the church.

The Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week was observed during the last week in November with evening services in the German Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich. The meetings were led by such organizations as the Bible Class Women's Missionary Society, B. Y. P. U., Sunday School and the Board of Deacons. In spite of stormy weather, the attendance was very good. The offering received was \$24. The pastor, the Rev. P. F. Schilling, wrote that "our prayer is that we might be willing to have more such meetings in the future. We know the Lord is willing to bless those that worship him in spirit and truth."

The White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, in a recent Sunday bulletin published the names of 24 members, who have been members of the church for 40 years or more. Of these 12 have enjoyed their membership in the church for 50 years or more, and four of these, Mrs. G. Fetzner, Mrs. A. Vormelker, Mrs. E. Emerich and Miss M. Schulte, are charter members of the church. On Sunday, Nov. 22, with a large attendance of 237 persons a Thanksgiving offering of \$66 was received and a \$3,000.00 mortgage and \$1,000.00 note were burned in an impressive program. The pastor of the church is the Rev. William L. Schoeffel.

Special evangelistic meetings were conducted for two weeks from Nov. 22 to Dec 6 in the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., which met with an enthusiastic response in attendance and spiritual joy. Dr. Charles W. Koller of Newark, N. J., brought the messages in the English language during the first week, and the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, the director of the Danubian Gospel Mission Field, brought the German messages during the second week. The Sunday

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A Song Forever

By Paul Hutchins

CHAPTER ONE

"Well?"

"Well—what?"

"Let's go back inside. I like to dance when the boys are making the old tromps and saxes sound like they had the rhythmic jitters. I enjoyed the feel of letting go, the thrill of dizziness that sweeps a fellow off his feet. You know, the—"

"Let's go home!" Gardner Wilkins interrupted his brother somewhat abruptly. "I've had enough."

"Home! Enough! The fun is just about to begin. The best part is after eleven o'clock!"

"Not for me!" Gardner stepped on the starter of his car. The motor leaped to instant, silent response. A moment later, a beautiful, purring thing of steel and glass glided to a stop in front of the dance hall. Under the brilliantly lighted entrance were a dozen or more young men and women who had come outside for a breath of fresh air, between dances.

"I'm not ready to go home, Gardner, and I'm not going yet!" Clyde Wilkins shuffled out of the car. "I'll walk home!" he said stubbornly.

"Walk, then!" The motor raced for a brief second, then the car darted down the driveway and into the night.

Alone in his car Gardner tried hard not to think. To think would bring before his already disturbed mind a half dozen or more unhappy memories of the immediate past, only one of which would mean for him additional pain. He set his teeth and with increasing speed steered doggedly on. The smooth road stretched before him like a broad gleam of white in the darkness; while the glaring lights of many cars racing toward him were like so many intruding eyes, peering at him from the blackness of another night—the night of disappointment in which he had been wandering for the past several months.

In a few minutes he would be at home, and then—if sleep would come—he should forget—until the morning. Morning? Tomorrow would be Sunday. No, he would not forget either, for Lela would be in church too. Lela always went to church on Sunday mornings, even when the Saturday night dances lasted until long past midnight.

Gardner knew that the many automobiles coming toward him on the road ahead were carrying more young peo-

ple to the Wee Woods Dance Hall, knew that for them the gaiety of the night was just beginning, that not until two o'clock in the morning, when the last wild blare of the saxophones ceased and the musical instruments were folded away, would the revelry come to a halt. Tomorrow night there would be another dance at a more sophisticated dance hall in the city. Clyde would attend that dance too. Since mother's death, Clyde always went when and where he pleased, in spite of father's repeated warnings. And Lela! Yes, Lela would be there. It would be Christian Endeavor first, then a theater, and after that the Dreamland Ball Room.

And Gardner Wilkins would go too, not because he particularly cared for dancing or late hours but because of Lela. In fact, he hated dancing but he would go anywhere if only Lela were to be there. What made him love Lela like this? What was this relentless, burning, yet strangely intangible thing which flamed within his breast and drove him on always with the thought of Lela uppermost in his mind, recurrent, painful, unyielding?

For years he had been pursuing her. Her eyes, her lips, her charming, graceful ways! Once he had thought she would be his. She had promised him so—almost. And then! That was the beginning of this never-ending ending, the night when his hopes had faded into agony, an agony which still—at times—seemed to reveal a tiny ray of hope.

It was near the close of his senior year in college, on a warm Sunday night in May. For some time they strolled quietly, her hand resting intimately, possessively on his arm. They had attended a down town church that night; and since the service had closed promptly at nine o'clock, there was plenty of time for a stroll through "the pines." A maple shaded pathway began at the farther end of the old pine trail and wound its way along the shores of Clear Creek to a little foot bridge. Across the bridge, the trail ascended toward the east, terminating at the girls' dormitory.

Patches of shade lay across the path at irregular intervals. In these shadows, throughout the years, many of the more advanced lovers of Rynelle had paused to ask or to listen to a long anticipated question, or to tell to one

another in the sacred silence of clinging lips, the old, old story of youth in love.

Here, too, Gardner would pledge his love to Lela. Did he not have a right? Had she not led him to believe that she cared deeply for him?

At first he hesitated, amazed at the thing he was about to do, fearful lest she spurn his love, or, as Lela so often did in the most unexpected moments, chide him for being so sober and somehow he felt that her attitude would be different. He seemed to feel, as she walked beside him, that Lela was more meditative than usual. That little, confidential touch of her hand upon his arm seemed to say things which she had only allowed him to guess before. The lure of the moonlight, playing upon the pathway, the whisper of the one, tall old pine at the end of the trail—

Suddenly, he stopped and on the irresistible impulse of the moment, he told her his heart, earnestly, simply, fervently. For a brief interval of ecstasy, she rested in his arms, accepted his kisses and whispered softly her answer to his declaration of love.

Awed and filled with wonder at her responsiveness, glad with a sort of sacred gladness, he led her across the swinging foot bridge, where once more he swept her into his arms.

"We'll settle down in the old home town," he said happily. "Father's health has been failing the past year and he wants me to take over the editorship of the paper. You can be my chief secretary and business manager. We'll take our places in the community and in the church and—"

Suddenly Lela stiffened. "What do you mean? I—let's not talk of marriage, Gardner. I hope you didn't think, back there, that I was promising to marry you."

He was stunned. Had she merely been trifling with emotions? Had her lips lied both in word and in deed?

She lifted her wrist watch. "Why Gardner Wilkins! It's ten minutes past eleven! I'll have to sign up now. You naughty, naughty boy, keeping an unsuspecting maid out so late!"

At his dormitory, Gardner walked in a daze down the dimly lighted hall and ascended the stairs to his room. Larry Bancroft, his roommate had gone away for the week-end. Gardner unlocked the door and snapped on the lights. A brief glance into Larry's

bedroom told him that Larry had not yet returned. He would probably come back tomorrow morning in time for his class in English Literature. Larry would never miss a class in English. With the relish of a hungry man, blessed with an unlimited capacity for the richest and rarest of foods, Larry feasted avidly upon the finest in literature both ancient and modern. Night after night he would sit up until long past time for retiring, pouring over the works of some old master of the pen. More than once he was aroused from his reveries by the rapping of the night watchman on his door, warning him that it was time for lights to be out.

Gardner was glad for such a roommate, for he, too, was majoring in English.

Slowly and in bewilderment, Gardner passed through their common study room into his own bed room. He was glad that Larry was not here. He should not care to hear him say tonight in his characteristic fashion, "What's the trouble, Gardner, my boy? Come and shed your tears on Larry's shoulder." Larry had a way of talking lightly and thinking seriously at the same time, often keeping his deepest emotions hidden beneath a surface of bantering remarks.

First one shoe, and then another, fell heavily on the floor. If it were not for his diploma and the degree he had worked so hard for, and the folks back home—! It'd hurt the folks and they'd never understand if he dropped out of college now. What was a degree anyhow. A degree couldn't manufacture mental satisfaction. Oh, well—

Gardner climbed into bed and snapped off the bed lamp above his head. "Let's not think of marriage—" Her words taunted and stabbed him until the agony seemed unbearable. Marriage! Marriage! No, he hadn't thought of marriage either. He had been thinking of love—and Lela. He wondered if Lela's mother, perhaps—

He turned restlessly. The clock on a down town church spire was tolling the midnight hour. Twelve slow, doleful chimes rang out on the silence of the little college town. If only he could sleep, he could forget—until morning. Morning?

With his hands gripping the steering wheel and every nerve tense, Gardner drove into the suburbs of the old home town. He hadn't meant to recall the past. And yet like the other occasions since that night by the Old Pine tree, he had allowed himself to be seized by a power quite outside himself, and in the clutches of it was swept along, living over again in memory the sweet delight of that night and the bitter frustration of his hopes with which it had been climaxed.

Through Main Street he raced, heedless for the moment of the allowable

speed rate of the town. There were only the brilliant lights from the sign outside the pool hall to let it be known that Main Street was awake. At the end of the business block he swung the car around! and under the spell of what might have been a transient desire, he parked the car and entered the swinging doors of Mayville's "saloon."

As he entered the door, his shadow, cast by the colored lights of the sign above, went in ahead of him. He seemed to feel that some sinister thing was about to happen. He was astonished at himself. Never in his life before had he crossed this threshold for such a purpose as that which now seemed to be driving him inside. Was he actually entering? His shadow on the doorway seemed to deny the fact. You are not going to do this thing, Gardner Wilkins! This is not you—this is only a shadow of the real man. You would not do this!

He laughed. He would do it. And with the resolution he gave one of the doors a firm push. A second later he was inside.

Mayville's pool hall, at midnight Saturday night, was generally the loafing place for less than a dozen stragglers, most of whom were accustomed to tarrying until Old Dan Towers' "all right, boys, closing time!" warned them that home was the next stopping place. Whereupon there would be an impatient rattling of poker chips, the scraping of chairs being pushed back from the tables, and a chorus of yawns and clearings of the throat, and a line-up at the bar for a farewell taste of "Towers' Best." There would follow the dull thuds and scrapings on wood of beer mugs; and one by one the worshippers at the shrine of John Barley Corn resurrected would saunter out, leaving Old Dan to count his money and lock it away in the safe.

Old Dan's long, white apron would make its final swipe across the liquor-proof, varnished bar, and the overflow of mugs and glasses, along with the crumbs of pretzels, would disappear. Simp, the red-eyed dog would follow slinkingly in the train of Old Dan and lick up the crumbs which fell from the "rich man's table;" for truly Old Dan was rich.

Gardner closed the door behind him and peered through the dense haze of tobacco smoke until his eyes came to focus on Old Dan himself, who waddled down the length of the bar toward him.

"Hello, Wilkins," Old Dan grunted, clearing a place on the bar with his apron. "Hain't seen you for quite a space. Hain't gettin' stuck up since graduatin' from college, are you. Your Pa's right smart sick these days, ain't he? I reckon you'll be takin' over the paper for him now, before long. What'll it be?"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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meetings addressed by both evangelists were attended by throngs that packed the church. There were about 10 persons who made definite confession of faith in Christ during the meetings. The Rev. Assaf Husmann is the aggressive pastor and leader of the church.

The eighth assembly of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of the Southern Conference was held from Nov. 25 to 29 in the Bethel Church near Gatesville, Texas, with more than 200 registered delegates and many visitors in attendance. The theme of the assembly, "Thine for Service," was interpreted in the songs which were sung, the spiritual atmosphere of the conference and the messages by the Rev. A. Becker of Waco and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago. The classes of the assembly were as follows: Rev. H. G. Ekrut on "Foreigners in Texas," Rev. C. C. Gossen on "When Do Teachers Teach," Rev. C. H. Edinger on "Missions Our Mission," and Miss Rosalie Koch on "Trail Makers in Other Lands." The assembly delegates helped the Gatesville Church to dedicate the fine addition, which was recently completed, and to observe its Golden Jubilee as well as to celebrate with the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Bueining, his 25th anniversary of ordination into the ministry.

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, director of our Danubian Gospel Mission field, sailed for Europe aboard the steamship "Bremen" from New York City with the Rev. William Kuhn among the many friends to see him off. After spending several months in intensive and successful evangelistic meetings in the Dakotas, Canada, and the Pacific Northwest, Mr. Fuellbrandt addressed large audiences in Oak Park, Ill., and Detroit, Mich., late in November. During the first full week of December, he served the Second Church of Philadelphia with his deeply appreciated messages. On Thursday, Dec. 10, to the New Connecticut churches at New Haven; on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to the Newark churches in the Clinton Hill Church; on Thursday, Dec. 10, to the New York City churches at the Second Church; on Friday, Dec. 11, in Union City, N. J.; and on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 13 and 14, in the Andrews Street Church and the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Fuellbrandt's ministry of seven months in our denomination was abundantly and richly blessed of God. The prayers of his many friends among young and old alike will go with him!

Week of Prayer for the Churches

January 3 to 8, 1937

Program Prepared By PROFESSOR LEWIS KAISER of Rochester, N. Y.

The General Council of our denomination has recommended a series of topics pertaining to our own specific work for the week of prayer. They have requested the undersigned to prepare such a schedule. The following program is submitted for use in our churches early in January, 1937.

Sunday, January 3

Are We a Praying People?

"These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." Acts 1:14.

The children of God must live and breathe in the atmosphere of prayer. They will thrive only in living communion with God. Therefore, God's people must be a praying people. Whatever else they may claim to have, if they are prayerless, they are powerless and without life. Of course, we do not mean prayer in the sense of mere lip-service. We mean genuine and sincere heart-fellowship with God. When Christians pray together, fellowship is enriched. Then, too, prayer changes things.

"I exhort you therefore, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made for all men, . . . this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." 1 Timothy 2:1-3.

Monday, January 4

Prayer For the Home and Family

(Read Colossians 3:16-24)

How immeasurable is the importance of the home. For the *individual*, for the *church*, for the *community*. A true Christian home is one in which Christ is more than a casual guest. It is one in which he is the head of the family, the undisputed Master. What a blessing, what an asset is such a home! Let us pray that our homes may be the dwelling-place of the living Christ. (Eph. 3:17). We pray that the sacred bond of "marriage will be held in honor by all." (Heb. 13:4). We pray that parents will "nurture their children in the chastening and admonition of the Lord." (Eph. 6:4). We pray that the sons and daughters may be kept from the dangers that threaten the home, that they in early life may be won for Christ and his Kingdom (2 Tim. 2:22 and 3:15). We pray that streams of wholesome and ennobling influences may issue from our homes, so that they shall be a source of perennial blessing. (Luke 10:38-42).

Tuesday, January 5

Prayer For the Church

"And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have preeminence." Col. 1:18.

First of all, we have the local church in mind, the church in which we hold our membership,—not so much the Universal Church. The church does not exist for its own sake but for the specific purposes, for which it was designed by its divine Lord and Head. We are reminded of two great tasks. There are others, but these take precedence. They are the spiritual and moral upbuilding of the believers. (Eph. 4:12) and the spread of the gospel of the Kingdom of God in obedience to the great commission of the risen Christ. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." The great dynamic for the realization of these divine purposes is prayer, the united prayer of faith. "Continue steadfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving; withal praying for us also, that God may open up unto us a door for the word." (Col. 4:2-3).

Let us pray that we may give "diligence to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." (Eph. 4:3). That is one of the main requisites for the spiritual health and growth of the church.

Let us pray that we may be unselfish and untiring in well-doing. "Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. 6:9).

Above all, let us pray for the triumph of Christ in our churches. In the measure that he is victorious, to that degree will our churches be victorious too. His presence is the guarantee of their triumph. "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57-58).

Wednesday, January 6

Prayer For Our Own General Work

(Read Acts 4:31-35)

"So we built the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work." (Nehemiah 4:6).

We are not a group of detached, isolated churches. We are an organized Union of churches. While we are a part of the great Baptist denomination, still we have a distinctive organization of our own for doing the specific work among the German-speaking population of this country

and of Canada, a task in which we have been engaged for over 90 years. We have specific interests that lie beyond the range of the individual churches and yet at the same time are the vital concern of the single churches. We do not stress only the independence of the single churches but also their interdependence and their cooperative togetherness. We do not march in single file but in a well ordered and compact line.

This fact calls us to prayer for a spirit of loyalty toward the wider interests of the Kingdom as they pertain particularly to our united church body. Loyalty to our own denominational interests does not imply an intolerant or even unsympathetic attitude to other confessional groups. It is true of Baptist Christians, too, that "ye are the salt of the earth." (Matt. 5:13).

The various branches of our general work are the mark and the test of our group consciousness. We should make them the special topics of our earnest prayer.

1. The department of missions for the extension and expansion of our work, including missions in our own country and in Canada, missions among the German minorities in Southeastern Europe, and missions in heathen lands, particularly in the Cameroons. Let us pray for the officers and members of the mission boards, with special mention of the general secretary, Rev. William Kuhn, and the superintendent of our work in Southeastern Europe, Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt. Let us pray for all the missionaries at home and abroad.

2. Our agency for ministerial training. Let us pray for the seminary at Rochester, N. Y., for the teachers and for the students. Whatever adds to the efficiency and wholesome influence of our "School of the Prophets" also promotes our work as a whole. Let us pray that, as in the apostolic church, in the sending out of Barnabas and Paul (Acts 13:4), the Holy Spirit may set apart and consecrate our coming ministers for the work to which they are called. (Rom. 10:14-15).

3. The publication society pleads for our prayers for its important mission. It is a noble work that this branch of our denomination does in the circulation of Bibles and in the dissemination of wholesome literature. Let us pray for "Der Sendbote" and for "The Baptist Herald" and for the Sunday School papers. Let us pray

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Children's Page

Edited By MISS SUSAN SCHILLING of Alanson, Michigan

A Child's Prayer

By MISS MILDRED MEEKER

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When I kneel beside my bed
And fold my hands to pray,
I begin by asking God
To guide my feet each day.

Then I thank Him for the joys
That make each hour glad;
For parents dear and comrades true
And all the fun I've had.

And when I've said my little prayer,
I climb in bed, put out the light,
And dream of all the happy things
That children dream about at night.

The Magic Make-Believe Book

It was the first day of the New Year. Outside the wind blew very cold, and the snow fell in great big flakes. Father had drawn up his chair in front of the warm fireplace and was busy reading. Mother was knitting a bright red sweater for baby, and grandmother was reading too. Only Peggy seemed to have nothing to do. She looked at her picture books for a while, but soon grew tired of them. She tried playing with her doll, but that didn't seem like much fun either. What she really wanted to do was to get into her snow suit and play on the hill with her new sled, but mother had said it was too cold just now and she must wait. So Peggy began teasing Scotty, her pet puppy. She knew she was disturbing everyone by making so much noise.

Suddenly grandmother said, "It's too bad you have to spoil the very first page of your nice new book, Peggy."

Peggy looked up in surprise. "Why, I'm not playing with any book," she said. She couldn't imagine what grandmother was talking about. She had stopped looking at her books a long time ago, and there wasn't even a book near her!

"But I'm afraid you are spoiling the first page of your new book just the same," grandmother said with a smile and a twinkle in her eye, just as if she knew some great secret.

"Whatever are you talking about, Granny?" Peggy asked. She had forgotten to tease the dog now, and had gone over to sit beside grandmother. "Do tell me what you mean, please granny!" she begged.

"Are you sure you will sit quiet long enough to listen?" asked grandmother.

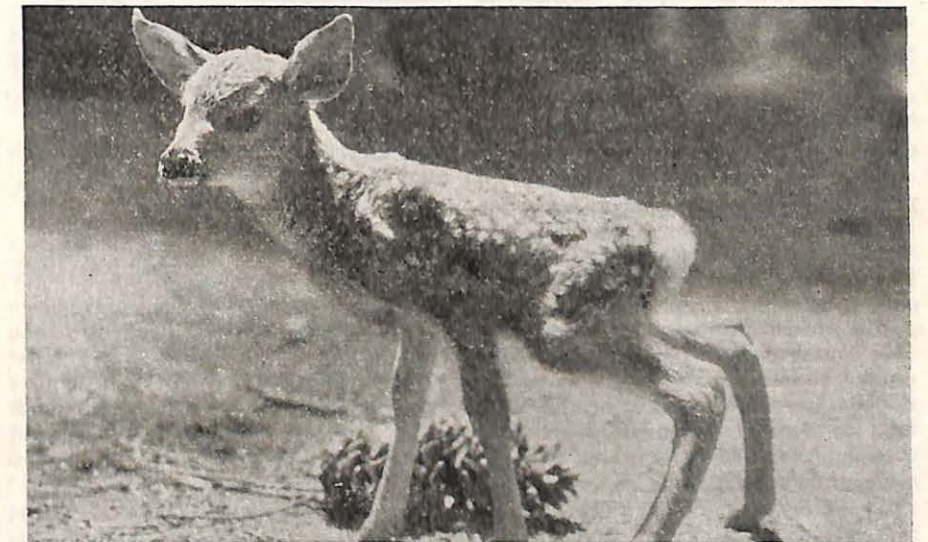
"Oh yes," said Peggy. She always liked to listen to grandmother, because she told such interesting stories. "Is this going to be a story, granny?"

"Well," said granny, "it might be called a story, but it is a true story because every one in the whole wide world has a Magic Make-Believe Book whether they know it or not."

"A Magic Make-Believe book!" said Peggy. "I never heard of such a book before. Have you one, granny? Do mother and daddy have one? Do I have one?"

Grandmother smiled again. "Yes,

a beautiful picture is painted on those pages, just like magic! On the days we are disobedient, cross and naughty an ugly picture pops out on the pages for these days. Then at the end of each day and at the end of a year we can look back over all the days gone by, and we can see in our minds, just as clearly as if we were looking through the pages of a book, the pictures magic has painted for us each day. If they are lovely pictures, how happy and proud we can be! But if they are ugly it makes us ashamed, because not only we, but also all the peo-



A Baby Deer Ready to Explore the World

ple who work and play with us can see these pictures whenever they want to."

So Peggy snuggled closer to granny and prepared to listen. She was very anxious to hear about the Magic Make-Believe book. It would be fun having a magic book, she thought.

"Well," began grandmother, "these books are quite large. In fact they have three hundred and sixty-five pages, to be exact. You know there are just that many days in a year and this book has a page for each day. The funny part of it is, though, that the pages are all clean and empty when we get the books."

"What a funny book," laughed Peggy.

"But at the end of the year there is a picture on every page of this book," continued granny.

"Who puts them there?" asked Peggy, wondering.

"That's where some of the magic comes in," smiled grandmother. "On the days we are gentle, kind and good,

"I think I know what you mean, granny," said Peggy thoughtfully. "Sometimes when I've been very naughty all day, and go to bed at night and close my eyes, I can just remember how much I bothered everyone and it makes me feel ashamed. That's just like looking at the page of my Magic Make-Believe Book and seeing the ugly picture magic drew of me, isn't it?"

"That's exactly it, Peggy," said grandmother. "I'm so glad you told me this story, granny," said Peggy. "I think it will be a lot of fun having a Magic Make-Believe Book, and I know it will help me remember to be good each day. But I'm going to fool Mr. Magic! I'm not going to let him paint any ugly pictures in my book!" laughed Peggy as she gave granny a great big hug and kiss and went to play quietly with her toys.

Rochester Seminary Echoes

By PROFESSOR ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER, Dean of the German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, New York

After months of travel during the summer, visiting conferences, associations, and assemblies of youth, it was a delightful pleasure to come back home to my own church and people and to the school, which I dearly love, in Rochester, N. Y.

The summer months were rich in experience. It was a deep source of joy and inspiration to meet so many ministers on their difficult fields and to learn how heroically they are carrying on. It was also a great privilege to become acquainted with many fathers and mothers of our students at Rochester and, in a number of instances, to enjoy the hospitality of their homes. Many laymen, too, unburdened their hearts with respect to problems that affect their economic status as well as their religious life in community and church.

But for me the greatest stimulus to renewed hope and encouragement for our work came from the many fine young men who were eager to come to Rochester. Most of these had, not only pleasing, winsome personalities and a good education with a considerable number even with high school diplomas, but also a clear call to the ministry and a zeal to enter the Master's service. Unfortunately, most of them had no funds with which to make their entrance into our seminary possible this year. Some were lacking in academic training and were advised to study another year or two in high school. Nearly all were encouraged to look forward to having their aspirations realized next year.

From over 35 young men who wrote to the seminary for requirements as to entrance, eight were selected, all of whom, we believe, will make excellent ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Four have high school diplomas. Three have had advanced studies in college and seminary and two have had two years of high school work. Two are married, and one has a family. These young men came from British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, North Dakota, Minnesota, New York and Pennsylvania. Four came from large cities and four from rural sections. Four have been in business, and four came from the farm. They are nearly all mature men, with good physique and appearance and with an excellent command of speech.

Our seminary building has been made more inviting in several ways. Over the front door entrance the words "German Baptist Seminary," in gold letters acquaint the passer-by of the nature of our institution. The build-



New Students at the German Baptist Seminary

Top Row (left to right) Ralph Rott, Rudolf Woyke, Ewald Wegner.
Middle Row—Peter Pfeiffer, Arthur Schulz, Edgar Borchert.
Bottom Row—Frank Veninga, Hugo Zepik.

ing has received considerable renovating. The chapel, the floors and many of the rooms have been made much more inviting by fresh varnish and paint. Most of the work was done by students during the summer months. The dining room, too, has been made more attractive by a coat of bright paint and neat curtains for the windows.

We wish that all our readers could have been present at the opening meeting in September when Professor Otto Krueger brought his illuminating address on "Lay Theology." It was a notable address, growing out of his experiences during the summer. This was a new theology, not a book or arm-chair theology, but lay-theology, based on data which Professor Krueger had gleaned from young and old at young people's assemblies and associations.

Professor Frank Woyke, who has come to us from the German Baptist Church at Meriden, Connecticut, made his debut on that first occasion with a brief but very interesting address. He has won for himself a warm place in the hearts of the student body, not only by his winsome personality, but also by his clear thinking and forceful addresses. We are very much delighted with this new addition to our faculty.

We are filled with gratitude because of the warm interest which our churches and individuals are showing in our seminary and its welfare. Through the generosity of these friends we have been able to provide a lounge for the students in what was

formerly Professor Schneider's class room. It has been very cozily furnished, making it a rendezvous for faculty and students where they meet in an informal way and thus foster the social life of the seminary. We extend our cordial thanks to all those who have so graciously helped us in this project.

Within a very short time we expect to have our guest room ready, so that those who visit us from time to time may find lodging therein. The Bethel Church of Detroit is going to furnish the room that was formerly Professor Meyer's study. It is a large, pleasant room on the first floor that will have every convenience of a modern hotel room and at the same time have all the little touches of home. This room is to be at the disposal of ministers and laymen who come to Rochester to stay for a few days. There will be no charge for the use of the room since generous donors have furnished it. We hope to have frequent visitors. Kindly let the dean know when you are coming and for how many days you wish to have the use of it.

A considerable number of young men have already written to the seminary for admission next year. That is an encouraging sign. We wish to encourage those, with whom we made contact last summer, but who were prevented from attending this year because of lack of funds, to get in touch with the dean early in 1937. We expect to receive a dozen or more students next fall. Those having the highest qualifications will receive first consideration.

It is our aim to do everything in our power to shape our curriculum to meet the needs of our churches. We are stressing the practical aspects of the ministry without in any way lessening the careful historical and exegetical study of Scripture and of systematic theology as well. We are confident that the young men, studying here now, will be qualified to meet the needs and requirements of the most exacting churches.

Six men will be graduating in May ready to take pastorates. The Rev. Adolf Kannwischer, who graduated from our seminary two years ago and who will graduate from the University of Rochester in June, has already accepted a call to the First German Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. We shall be pleased to give information concerning the young men graduating in May to churches needing pastors. My address is 246 Alexander Street, Rochester, New York.

Reports from the Field

Pacific Conference

Community Bible School In Pasadena

During the summer months a community Bible School was held twice weekly and now during school days once a week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Stranske in Pasadena, Calif. These honored members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles live quite a distance from the church. They felt constrained to serve the Lord in a special way, and so they started this Bible School in their community where the children could be given instruction in God's Word.

The class was organized on July 12 with an enrollment of 24 children. The average attendance has been 16. The meetings are undenominational in character. The children are taught to memorize Scripture verses and songs and to make Bible pictures and books. Object talks illustrated by use of blackboard charts are given by Lydia Stranske.

There are 11 children who have accepted Christ in these meetings of the Bible School. We rejoice exceedingly in the blessings which God has bestowed upon this school and pray that many more might come to know Jesus, "whom to know is life eternal."

ERNEST J. CLAUDER, Reporter.

Thanksgiving Day Program In Tacoma

Despite the heavy fog which enveloped our city and vicinity for several days previous to and on Thanksgiving Day, we had a splendid audience for our annual B. Y. P. U. program in the German Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington.

The report of our secretary brought back to our minds many of the varied and interesting meetings we had had. The Intermediate, Crusade and Junior Societies also gave reports of their activities, which showed that in each department we had been busy, endeavoring to develop talents and have spiritually uplifting meetings.

Our program was under the able leadership of our president, Miss Elizabeth Ahrens, and included a devotional period, musical numbers and a short message by our pastor, the Rev. Geo. Lang. The main feature was a missionary play, entitled "Pin Holes," which was presented in a most effective manner.

The offering was divided and sent to Miss Bertha Lang in China, Miss Margaret Lang in Africa and Mr. and Mrs. Lubbers in India.



Community Bible School in Pasadena
Mrs. Lydia Stranske, Teacher, is Third from Left on the Back Row.

Annual Report of the Anaheim B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., brought another year to a close recently by celebrating its 34th anniversary.

The feature of the fine program was a three act play, "Susanna of the Parsonage," presented by 12 young women of the society. Instrumental numbers were a violin duet by Messrs. Schmidt and Herbert Stabbert and several organ selections by Mrs. Walter Goodin. A reading, "The Young Christian," was brought by Mr. Ralph Klemm, Mr. Emil Bloedow rendered a vocal solo. Miss Lois Schroeder, president, was in charge of the program.

The newly elected officers of the B. Y. P. U. who were installed into their offices by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, our pastor, are as follows: Lois Schroeder, president; Gerhardt Trapp, vice president; Ruth Jungkeit, secretary; Gus Stark, treasurer.

During the past year our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us manifold blessings and has opened to us various opportunities of service. This year the Sunday evening devotional services were conducted without a contest. The attendance and enthusiasm were upheld by the many varied and inspirational topics presented.

Our monthly programs, presented regularly in the church auditorium, were appreciated by all who attended. They included a Mexican program featuring Miss Lucile Allen who spoke on Mexico, a Christmas program,

a program on temperance, Mother's Day program, an illustrated lecture on Palestine and a "Request Program." Two evenings were devoted to the topics, "Christian Loyalty" and "Beginnings of the Baptist Denomination," presented by the Rev. O. R. Schroeder.

About once a month after the evening services the young people assembled in the homes of members for a "Song Fest." These meetings have served to deepen our knowledge of Christian songs.

We also had the privilege of conducting a service at the San Pedro Seamen's Rest Mission. We trust that in the future we may be able to do more definite Christian work.

Our social committee has been busy. We have enjoyed numerous social gatherings, including an entertainment for the Los Angeles Ebenezer society, a banquet in honor of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union secretary, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, at which time the two Los Angeles societies were our guests, and our annual birthday party, at which we were able to realize a total profit of more than \$50. The society has pledged to pay off another \$500 of the church building debt.

The visiting committee has been busy visiting our sick members and friends, having made 75 visits. We have added 13 new members to our society, making a total of 113 members.

RUTH JUNGKEIT, Reporter.

Central Conference Farewell Reception For the Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Strobel In Trenton

When a minister and his family serve a church and community for seven years, such as the Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Strobel have done in Trenton, Illinois, and then leave for another place of service, they leave behind them members and friends who will miss them. So a social hour and farewell reception were held for them on the last evening of their service with us. At this time a program was held in their honor and a gift in the nature of a mantel clock was presented to them.

The Rev. F. L. Strobel accepted a call extended to him by the Northern Baptist Church of Frankfort, Illinois. We wish them God's blessing in their new field of service.

Soon after January 1, 1937, we hope to greet our new minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Zummach of Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. LYDIA LUGENBUHL, Reporter.



Scene from the Dramatization, "The Rock," at Waco, Texas

Left to Right—Hilda Stobbe as Mary Magdalene, Helen Stobbe as Deborah, Adeline Brenner as Adina, and Walter Schaible as Simon Peter



The Student Body and Faculty of the Bible School at Morris, Manitoba

Southern Conference B. Y. P. U. Anniversary In the Heart of the Lone Star State

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, the Central B. Y. P. U. of Waco, Texas, celebrated its 24th anniversary. Among the great host of friends present was our beloved general secretary, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. To hear him speak again was like music to our ears and we were highly privileged in having him with us at this time.

The church was beautified with fragrant roses, chrysanthemums, ferns, palms and autumn leaves, giving it a colorful yet rustic appearance. The program leaflets were of orange and deep red.

"The Rock," a drama showing the character development of Simon Peter was presented with very unique stage setting and lighting effects. These as well as most of the costumes were prepared by the young people with the help of their parents so that very little expense was entailed. Musical arrangements were offered between scenes. The members of the cast were Walter S. Schaible, Adeline G. Brenner, Helen Marie Stobbe, Willie J. Hirsch, Hildegard Stobbe, Carl Stobbe, Fred W. Doye, Rheinhold Steindam, James Niederer, William Brenner, Jr., and Elizabeth Stobbe.

An offering amounting to \$22 was received for foreign missions and the local union.

Five days of fellowship and inspiration followed for us in the meetings of the fall assembly at Gatesville.

Then, fortunately for us, it was again necessary for our general secretary to come to Waco to establish train connections for his return trip. On Monday night, Nov. 30, the B. Y. P. U. had Mr. Leuschner as honor guest at a Mexican dinner, an occasion long to be remembered.

GRACE KITTLITZ, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference Evangelistic Meetings At the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J.

Conscious of the fact that salvation comes only through faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and that outside of him all are lost, the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., although continually proclaiming the claims of Christ, set aside the days of Nov. 4 to 15 as a time of concentrated and special emphasis to reach the people in its neighborhood with the gospel message.

On the Sunday prior to the campaign, a group of about 40 workers went throughout the neighborhood into the homes of the Sunday School families and friends, distributing tracts and extending personal invitations to attend the special services. Many of these invitations were gratefully received and promises given of their acceptance.

The Rev. Torrey Johnson, pastor of the Midwest Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and also instructor of Greek at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, was the evangelist. Mr. Johnson, with his pleasing personality and warm passion for lost men and women, won his way into the hearts of all who heard the messages as God used him in our midst.

Approximately 30 people, young and older, expressed their desire to accept Christ as Savior, and with whom and for whom prayer was made. Also a number of those who were conscious of the fact that they had strayed away from a close walk with the Lord rededicated their lives to him. Probably even greater has been the deepening of the lives of many of our own members who have come to love Christ more and to know him better.

MISS GRACE KETTENBURG, Reporter.

Eastern Conference Enthusiastic Rally Period In the Bethel Church of Buffalo

The entire month of October and the first Sunday of November constituted "Rally Period" at the Sunday School of the Bethel Church in Buffalo, New York, of which Mrs. Arthur L. Tindall is the superintendent and the Rev. Peter Geissler, the pastor. What a fine "Rally Period" it turned out to be!

During the week preceding this period each family on the Sunday School and church rolls received a mimeographed card, picturing a Sunday School gate, inviting all to rally to the cause. Posters, made by Sunday School scholars of the Junior, Intermediate and teen-age groups appeared weekly in the church programs.

Instead of the separate departmental openings, all departments met together in the church auditorium for the first half hour period of devotions and special features. "The Sunday School Gate" was the theme of our first Rally program. One Sunday was devoted to promotions. Another was devoted to missions, and we were privileged to have as our guests the Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Feldman, missionaries from the Philippines. On the first Sunday of November the final special program of this "Rally Period" took place.

It is hoped that the enthusiasm created during this "Rally Period" will carry on and on during the coming months in the work of the Master.

The Sunday School has also had charge of a Sunday evening service, in which the various departments took part in a Thanksgiving and Mission Festival. The offering, amounting to \$17 was designated for the mission work in the Cameroons and among the gypsies in the Danubian countries.

ESTHER ELLA GOETZ ZANN, Reporter.

Northern Conference Thanksgiving Service At the Bethel Church of Alberta

We held a Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Bethel German Baptist Church near Carbon, Alberta, Canada. The Rev. A. Kujath conducted the service and brought an inspiring message. The choir rendered two songs of praise which were greatly appreciated by the congregation.

In the afternoon the Sunday School held a very successful program under the leadership of Mr. T. E. Neher. May God bless the little ones who took part in the service with their recitations! As a church we realize that the children of today will be the men and women of tomorrow, and so we feel it to be our duty to foster, train and nurture them that they may grow up to be God-fearing men and women ready to carry on the Lord's work when we have laid down life's burdens.

Our pastor brought to us and the children at that time a splendid address. Although the crops in this district were completely destroyed by hail last summer, we raised the sum of \$40 in the offering to extend the Kingdom of God and to glorify his name.

F. E. NEHER, Reporter.

Recent Bible School In Morris, Canada

Bible School days are over for us in the German Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, but the vivid memory and the keen enjoyment thereof still remain. For a full week from Nov. 2 to 7 we were students of the Bible, with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago and the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, our own pastor, as teachers.

There were 21 regular students, 10 of

whom were Sunday School teachers. This group received certificates of credits for the three courses completed. However, the lessons proved of such widespread interest that the number of students and visitors soon rose to 33.

Mr. Leuschner gave us a clear outline of the history of our denomination, making us feel that even we have a definite part in our great mission work. "The Life of Christ," based on Walter Rauschenbusch's text book taught by Mr. Leuschner, and "The Old Testament," based on the textbook by Pieringer taught by Mr. Mittelstedt, were the constituents of the week's studies. That our teachers had spared neither time nor energy in the preparation of the lessons was shown by the eagerness with which they were received and reviewed at home and by the vital questions which the students asked. All were agreed that they would attend the Bible School again next year and would bring many more students. A picture of the student body and faculty appears on this page of "The Baptist Herald."

Sunday, Nov. 8, was the closing day of the Bible School. Our guests on that day were the choir members from the German Baptist Church of Winnipeg and Morris choirs assisted in the morning service. Mr. Leuschner's morning message was both interesting and inspirational.

At the song service in the afternoon both choirs separately sang several selections, and the mass choir, under the direction of the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, sang three numbers. Mr. Leuschner's message of the afternoon was an appeal for a full and complete consecration to the cause of Christ.

Such was the closing of a week which we feel will have a far reaching influence in our church and bring to us many of God's blessings in the harvest of the years to come.

MISS IDA HOFFMAN, Reporter.

OBITUARY

Mr. William H. Anders

Born—January 29, 1889
Died—September 4, 1936

William H. Anders was born on January 29, 1889, and passed to his reward on Friday afternoon, Sept. 4, 1936, as the result of a stroke. It is now almost three months since Brother Anders passed on, and only now are we discovering the great loss we have suffered through his passing. We are greatly comforted by the assurance that he was a child of God and enjoyed the fellowship of his heavenly Father as well as the fellowship of the brethren. The loss was a terrible shock not only to his beloved family, but to our church and many friends throughout the city. More than 400 passed the bier after the funeral service. The flowers that were sent by friends were, not only very beautiful and costly, but innumerable. His passing is mourned by his beloved wife, Gladys, and his only son and pride, William, Jr., and many relatives.

Mr. Anders was the owner of one of the largest and best caterers in Cleveland. Here friends and strangers gladly gathered and found a home like atmosphere, and excellently prepared food. As a business man he never forgot that he was first of all a Christian and tried to inculcate Christian business principles into his business organization. It is now admitted generally, almost three months since he has passed on, that he was one of the most upright and respected business men in his line.

Our sympathy goes out to his devoted wife, Gladys, who is a wonderful inspiration to all of us, bearing her burdens and cross with a valiant spirit and faith in God. Prof. O. E. Krueger and the Reverends E. G. Kliese and J. Leyoldt assisted at the funeral service. His body is at rest in the beautiful Lakeview cemetery where he with so many of our beloved friends are awaiting the trumpet call of the Resurrection Day.

William L. Schoeffel,
White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCHES

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too for the officers of the society, for the business manager, Mr. H. P. Donner, for the editors, Reverends S. Blum and Martin L. Leuschner.

4. Our benevolent institutions have been productive of much good. They have grown out of that ministering love which is one of the cardinal Christian virtues. (Heb. 13:16). Let us pray for "the Children's Home" at St. Joseph, Mich., and for the genial superintendent, Rev. Hans Steiger, and his wife. Let us pray for the three Homes for the Aged in Chicago, in Philadelphia and in Portland, and for those who supervise the Homes. Let us pray for "the Girls Homes" in New York City and in Chicago and for those, to whose charge they have been committed.

Thursday, January 7

Sunday Schools and Young People's Work

(Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17)

"Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psalm 119:9.

For years the Sunday School was the only agency in our churches, besides the home for the religious training of our youth. In time the standard of Sunday Schools was raised and their methods improved. There are now more teachers and scholars in our schools than members in the churches. What an opportunity this affords not only for religious instruction but also for winning youth for Christ and the church! The membership of our churches recruits itself in no small degree from the ranks of the scholars.

"Jesus called to him a little child and set him in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:2). To give to the child the place in the midst should be the aim of the church. How important, then, that we should pray for the Sunday School! Let us pray for the teachers and officers that they might have a deep sense of the significance of their task and of the need of taking it seriously. We are urged, too, to pray for the scholars that they may be led to Christ early in life and to grow in Christian character and activity. "And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them" (Mark. 10:13-16).

The cause of the young people is having increased attention in our churches. And this is as it should be. The young people are moulding the future of our churches. It was a wise and happy step in the right direction when the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was organized in 1922, binding together the local societies in the nine conferences into

a unified group for more intensive work. Let us pray for the increasing efficiency of this Union. Let us pray for the Bible Institutes and their instructors and, indeed, for all efforts that look toward the better training of our young people for the work of the Kingdom. Let us pray for "The Baptist Herald" and for the editor and young people's secretary, Mr. Martin L. Leuschner. Let us pray that the spirit of consecration may vitalize our youthful forces and make them a powerful factor in the growth of our churches.

Friday, January 8

The Woes and Ills of the World and Their Cure

(Read John 3:14-21)

Let us widen the horizon of our prayer obligation. Let us look out upon the world of which we are a part. We are *in* the world, although not *of* the world. God loved the world. He loved it so, that he made his greatest sacrifice for it. (John 3:16.) His concern must be our concern. We cannot ignore the woes and ills of the world. Like the Master we must be moved with compassion as we look out upon the multitudes. (Matt. 9:39.)

Notwithstanding the boasted progress of Christianity, the world is still "*under the power of the evil one*" (1 John 5:19 Goodspeed). How much are the spiritual lethargy and backwardness of the church to blame for this? It needs to heed the call: "Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee." (Eph. 5:14). If the church would arise in its strength, in "the strength of his might" (Eph. 6:10; Isa. 52:1), a new day of grace and spiritual healing would dawn upon the world.

Indeed, the *cure* of the world's ills can come only from God, the great physician. "For I am Jehovah, that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). Human laws and reforms are good as far as they go, but they do not go far enough. They cannot of themselves banish evil out of the world. We must heed the call of God: "Look unto me and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else" (Isa. 45:22). Let us pray with a yearning heart, as we look out upon the world in its abject need, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, as in heaven, so upon earth" (Matt. 6:10).

"Christ shall be King of the whole wide world,
He shall be King, let praises ring!
Under his banner of love unfurled,
There shall be gathered the whole wide world
And Christ shall be King."

*Daily Bible Readings***Based on the International Sunday School Lessons**

Friday, January 1

The Gospel of Life
(Read 2 Timothy 1:3-14)

Saturday, January 2

Oneness With the Father
(Read John 14:7-11)

Sunday, January 3

Revelation Through the Son
(Read Hebrews 1:1-19)

Monday, January 4

The Necessity for the New Life
(Read John 3:1-8)

Tuesday, January 5

Attaining the New Life
(Read John 3:9-17)

Wednesday, January 6

The Gospel of Salvation
(Read Romans 1:8-17)

Thursday, January 7

The Victory of Love
(Read 1 John 5:1-15)

Friday, January 8

A New Creature
(Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

Saturday, January 9

Living In Christ
(Read Colossians 3:1-11)

Sunday, January 10

Growing In Grace
(Read 2 Peter 3:14-18)

Monday, January 11

The Water of Life
(Read John 4:7-15)

Tuesday, January 12

Wells of Salvation
(Read Isaiah 12:1-16)

Wednesday, January 13

The Gracious Invitation
(Read Isaiah 55:1-7)

Thursday, January 14

Come and Drink
(Read John 7:37-44)

Friday, January 15

The Nourishing Christ
(Read John 6:52-59)

Saturday, January 16

Whoever Will
(Read Revelation 22:16-21)

Sunday, January 17

True Worship
(Read John 4:16-26)