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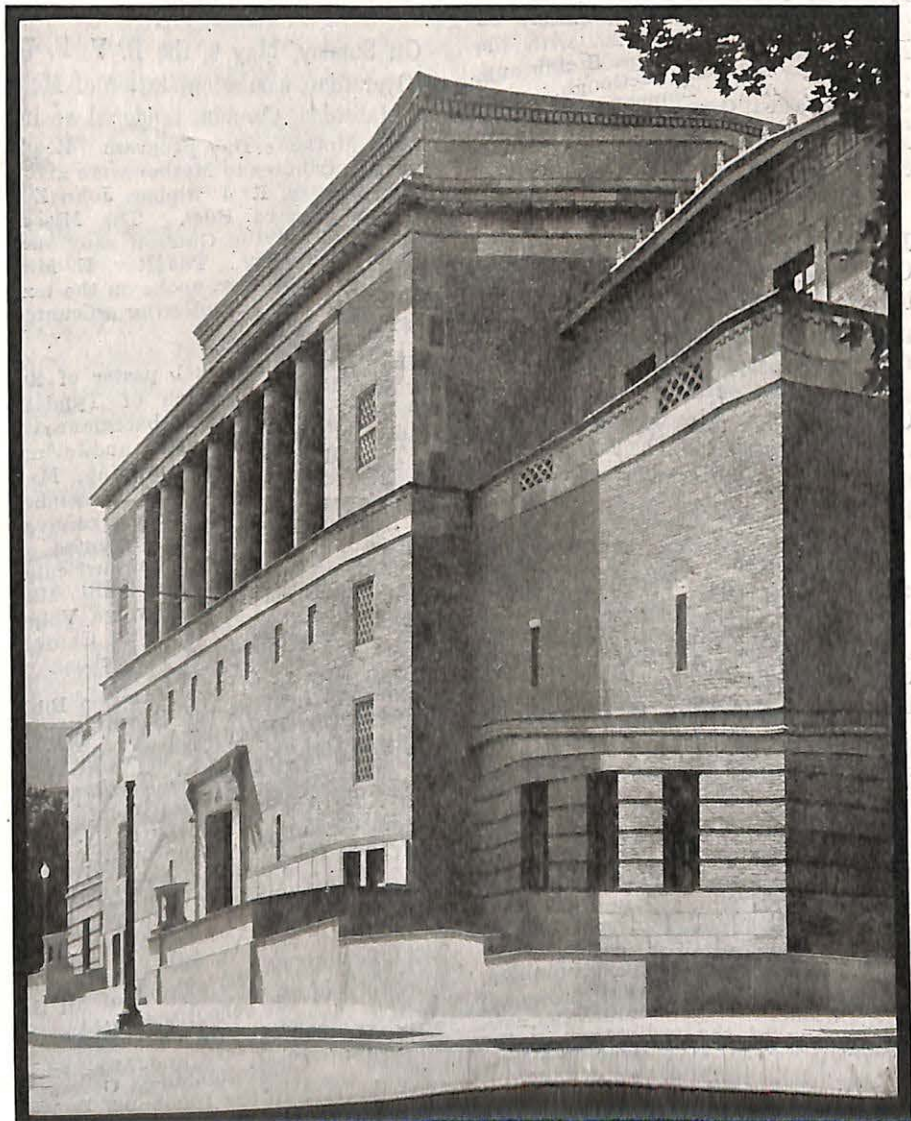
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The Meeting-place of the General Conference
at Portland, Oregon, from August 9 to 15

This stately and inspiring building, the Masonic Temple of Portland, Oregon, with its several wonderful auditoriums and spacious lounging and exhibit rooms, will be the scene of the 25th triennial conference of the denomination.

What's Happening

The Rev. J. J. Renz, minister of the German Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., delivered the baccalaureate address for the Creston High School on Sunday evening, May 16, at a service in the Presbyterian Church. He spoke on the topic, "It Can't Be Done!"

The Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Zirbes entertained the ministers of New York and vicinity and their wives at their picturesque home near Paterson, on Monday, June 14. The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt has served as president of the association with the Rev. Rudolf Schade as secretary-treasurer.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held its annual election of officers on Saturday evening, May 22, with the following results: George Steinbronn, president; Mildred McGough, vice-president; Anita Zimmerman, secretary; Edward Goebel, treasurer; and Dorothea Blaser, pianist. The Rev. Milton Schroeder is minister of the church.

On Sunday, June 6, the Rev. A. E. Jaster, minister of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, baptized 12 persons, 2 of whom were grandfathers, 2 others parents and the rest young people. At the communion service in the evening the hand of Christian fellowship was extended to these new members. The attendance at the happy Sunday evening service was 112 persons.

A Study Course has recently been completed in the Salem Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma, with 5 young people finishing the course. The textbook used was Leavell's "Some Learning Processes." The course, held on 5 successive evenings, was taught by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, minister of the church. On Sunday, May 9, Mr. Rietdorf baptized 2 persons on confession of their faith.

A silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Knopf of Ingersoll, Okla., was celebrated by the church at a surprise program on Sunday, May 16. The Rev. Herbert Meyer was in charge of the program, consisting of brief addresses and musical numbers. Mr. and Mrs. Knopf were presented with a dinner set. It was also the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. A. Knopf into the gospel ministry.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., held its anniversary program on Wednesday evening, May 26. Mrs. Sam Geis, president, was in charge of the program, of which the feature

was the play, "To the Least of These." The pastor of the church, the Rev. R. A. Klein, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the Loyal High School on Sunday evening, May 16, preaching on "The Garden of Life."

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Ebenezer Church near Dillon, Kansas, from May 17 to 28. Two classes were conducted for Primary and Junior children with Helen Klitzing and Elmer Buening serving as teachers for these classes. The pastor of the church, the Rev. John Broeder, had charge of the worship services. The closing exercises were held on Sunday evening May 30. The school had an enrollment of 23 pupils.

On Sunday, May 9, the B. Y. P. U. of Overstone, a mission station of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, rendered an inspiring Mother's Day program. Readings with tributes to Mother were given by the Messrs. R. J. Stober, John Zilkie and Richard Edel. The Misses Esther and Edythe Gateson sang several duet numbers. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt, the minister, spoke on the text Luke 2:41, 42. The offering amounted to \$21.

The Rev. E. Broeckel, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Tyndall, So. Dak., preached the baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium of Tyndall on Sunday evening, May 16. His daughter, Lillian, a member of this year's graduating class, received the Stilman Pike award presented on a basis of scholarship, extra curricular activities and general citizenship. Misses Lillian Broeckel and Evelyn Voigt, both members of the Tyndall Church, were honor students of the school.

From May 17 to 30 a Vacation Bible School was held at the South Baptist Church near Dillon, Kansas with an enrollment of 25 children. The teachers and their respective departments were: Miss Elsie Abelt, Primary dept.; Mrs. Milton Jacobsen, Junior dept.; Miss Ruth Ihde, Intermediate dept.; and the Rev. Stanley Geis, in charge of the worship services. At the closing commencement exercises held on Sunday evening, May 30, an exhibit of all the handwork of the school was held.

Dr. Herbert Gezork and Miss Ellen Markus of Charlottenburg, Germany, were married in the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York City on Saturday, May 22. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John E. Grygo, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lillenthal served as attendants. Dr. and Mrs. Gezork will live in Greenville, South Carolina, where Dr. Gezork will

teach in the department of religion at Furman University. We wish the happy couple God's richest blessings on life's journey together!

On Sunday, June 6, the Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor of the German Baptist Church in Stafford, Kansas, received 4 persons into the fellowship of the church, 3 of whom had been baptized on May 16. The Father-Sons' banquet was held on Monday evening, May 24, with about 65 men and boys present. Mr. Ben Fritzemeier served as toastmaster and the Rev. M. H. Groves of the Christian Church at Stafford as guest-speaker. Mr. Weisser was the baccalaureate speaker at the Stafford High School on Sunday evening, May 23.

The 42nd anniversary of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., was celebrated on Monday, May 31, with large crowds of friends availing themselves of the generous meals served by the Women's Board at noon and in the evening and attending the afternoon program. The guest speakers for the service were the Rev. Robert Tumbleston, pastor of the Old Pennepack Church, the oldest Baptist Church in Pennsylvania, and the Rev. O. K. Walther, minister of the German Evangelical Church of Philadelphia. Mr. Reuben Windisch as president of the Men's Board presided at the fine afternoon program.

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of American Falls, Idaho, was recently reorganized. The new officers are as follows: Miss Ella Neuman, president; Mr. August Kramer, vice-president; Miss Louise Vollmer, secretary; and Mrs. William Vollmer, treasurer. Soon after reorganizing the society, a meeting was held in which the topic, "The Aim of the B. Y.

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Editorial

WE dare not fail because as Christians we cannot fail! "If God be for us, who can be against us?" We "can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth" us! Faith is the adventure of the disciple of Christ who thereby is enabled "to subdue king-

We Dare Not Fail! doms, to work righteousness, to obtain promises, to stop the mouths of lions, to quench the violence of fire, to escape the edge of the sword, out of weakness to be made strong and to wax valiant in fight." If God is our refuge and strength, with him we cannot fail in any undertaking which he has assigned to us. In view of that promise of his, we are constrained to make the vow, "We dare not fail thee, O Christ!"

The motto of the General Conference, which will meet in Portland, Oregon, from August 9 to 15, has been selected from the inspiring Reformation hymn of Martin Luther, which is graphically interpreted in this number of "The Baptist Herald." The truth that "a mighty fortress is our God" must be most reassuring to Christian people in our day. In a day when firebrands of war are igniting throughout the world in alarming frequency and forces of evil are usurping the thrones of power and prominence everywhere, Christian people need to lift their eyes above the thick fog of worldly strife and contention to the mighty and eternal fortress of God and to say with defiant faith, "Therefore will not we fear!"

It is significant that the challenging theme of the General Conference to be used in connection with the motto is that stirring pledge, "We Dare Not Fail!" We shall find obstacles on life's pilgrimage. Temptations will beset our way. There will be times when we shall lose heart in the face of insurmountable difficulties. Forces of opposition will array themselves against us. We

shall sometimes want to retreat. It may even be necessary to face death as we go to fulfil our duty for God's Kingdom. But, above everything else, in our supreme allegiance to Jesus Christ we dare not fail to follow where he leads and to do what he commands!

New mission fields may become our trust in a succession of unfathomable and yet divinely ordained events. If the vast province of Mambila in the heart of Africa, even deeper in the Cameroons than Kakaland, should open its doors to us in a Macedonian call, let no one say with timid heart: "Where will the funds come from? Who will go to live and preach among these wild, war-like tribes? How can we undertake this task, in view of our many heavy burdens and limited resources?" Quietly and earnestly the challenge must reecho in our hearts. "We dare not fail in any assignment of duty to which God has called our churches and denomination."

Let those who pass on the torch of the denomination's task to the youth of our churches do so with burning eagerness and glowing hopefulness. We still have a big job to do for God, which no other group on this globe can perform in the same peculiar way. Challenging goals of service are still ahead of us. We need to call a moratorium on the many words about the overwhelming problems of our day and to dispel the clouds of pessimism that hover thickly around us. Our youth must become alert to the tasks at hand.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling in his most recent book, "Youth Marches," points out with startling words that "Jesus was always on the march, and it is life on the march that captures youth." Certainly, he must be leading us toward some divine goal of service, toward some culmination of his purposes. As we resolve to follow and to serve him through our denomination, this prayer must be shouted to the skies, "We dare not fail!"



"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A Stirring Article Interpreting
the General Conference Hymn

By the REV. WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL
of Cleveland Ohio

DO you know that the pearl, one of the most precious ornaments of the world, is the product of pain and intense suffering? Somehow or other, so we are told, a grain of sand enters the shell of the oyster and, because it causes continuous irritation, the oyster dissolves the foreign particle by surrounding it with fluids. This process results in a smooth ball-like substance which in time becomes a beautiful pearl.

How true this is of life! Some of the most precious Scripture passages, especially in the Psalms and in the writings of Paul, are the direct result of intense pain and agony of the soul. Likewise, some of our most beloved hymns are the fruit of similar experiences.

The inspiring and majestic hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," is one of the most precious pearls among all the hymns which are the result of suffering and agony of soul. That explains the hymn's fascinating appeal for all Christians. The message of its heroic faith and trust has passed through the acid test of suffering in the innermost depths of the human soul, and therefore the hymn appeals to all who have withstood the testing of human suffering through faith and trust in God.

The Bible and the Hymnal

Of course, everyone knows, that Martin Luther was the author of this majestic hymn, and for that reason it is often referred to as "The Hymn of the Reformation." The translation of the Bible is usually mentioned as Luther's greatest contribution. But we must not forget that almost equal in value to the Bible for Protestantism was the German hymn book which he also gave to the German people. He translated the Bible into the German language, so that God might speak directly to the people in their own tongue. On the other hand, he wrote thirty-seven hymns and published the first hymnal in 1524 written in Ger-

man containing seven hymns, so that the people might speak directly to God through the medium of song.

Luther introduced not only the German hymn book but also congregational singing. He retained the love for singing from his early childhood and believed that "singing was the best art and exercise having nothing to do with the world. Singing drives cares away." When the evening meal was finished, he used to bring out his notes and have a concert with the music-lovers about him. In importance the hymn was next to the Bible and the sermon the most powerful evangelical medium of disseminating the Christian doctrines and, of course, Luther's great slogan, "Righteousness through faith alone." Printed as tracts, the German hymns were scattered far and wide and sung in the home, the school, the church and even on the street and at public gatherings.

The Dreaded Plague in Wittenberg

No better commentary than the story of the pearl could be made upon the reasons for the writing of the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Early in January of 1527 Luther was seized with a sudden rush of the blood to the heart. It nearly proved fatal at the moment, but fortunately soon passed away. The illness, however, continued well into the summer. During his illness Luther often complained of weakness in the head and of continuous inward depression and spiritual anguish. Indeed, he wrote to his friend, Melancthon, that he had been tossed about for more than a week in the agonies of death and hell, and that his limbs still trembled in consequence.

Before Luther fully recovered, the plague, one of those devastating epidemics that swept through Germany from time to time, came once again to Wittenberg. Upon its appearance the Uni-

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versity of Wittenberg moved to Jena, but Luther would not change his residence. He felt it to be his duty to stay with his church and his people. Catharine, his beloved wife, became a victim of the plague and nearly died. Little Hans, now over a year old, fell desperately ill and for eleven days could neither eat nor drink. Martin himself, weak and exhausted, summoned up strength to carry the burdens of his home and church. One of his closest friends, who stayed with him when the university moved to Jena, lost his wife.

God, His Refuge and Strength

Out of these depths of misery and uncertainty, with death around him, Luther's mind constantly dwelt on God, who was his source of strength and help in those trying days. Pouring over the forty-sixth Psalm he applied its rich and glorious lesson to himself in that hour of need. He knew the strength of the castle walls that crowned the hills of his country. He knew how in the hour of battle his people were safe behind those impenetrable fortresses. In spite of enemies, death and destruction all around him, he knew that God was his refuge and strength, the ever present help in times of trouble. He knew that he was safe in God. He remembered how secure he had been from violence in the Wartburg Castle. The devil was behind all the unhappy experiences in the world, but God was his protection even against him. Out of this hour of stress and soul agony came the triumphant hymn of victory:

"A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing:
Our helper he, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal."

Martin Luther also wrote the martial music for the hymn, majestic and solemn in its effect. He hummed the melody into form while ministering to his dear wife and little Hans who were both ill with the plague. The tune forms the central theme in Meyerbeer's opera, "The Hugenots." Mendelssohn used it in his "Reformation Symphony," Wagner in his "Kaiser March" and Bach in one of his sacred cantatas.

The Hymn of the Reformation

This "Hymn of the Reformation" is characterized by students of hymnology as the most influential hymn of Christendom. It has not only influenced the lives of men, but all of Europe, and especially Germany. At the end of the Thirty Years' War, in which the Catholic forces of Germany opposed the Protestant forces, the two armies finally came to the deciding battle of the war. Gustav Adolph, the heroic Protestant King of Sweden, had affiliated himself with

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the German cause and faced the undefeated Catholic general, Wallenstein, at Leipzig, and later at Luetzen Gustav Adolph ordered his trumpeter to blow the strains of the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Immediately the whole army took it up and went singing into the battle. Many a stalwart Protestant fell with this hymn on his lips, even as did the undaunted leader, Gustav Adolph. It may be literally true, that he saved Germany for Protestantism with his own blood. But what did that matter? Wallenstein and the Catholic forces were decidedly beaten, and once again the words of Luther's hymn proved the truth:

"Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever."

In 1932 the three hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Leipzig was celebrated not only at Leipzig but by the Gustav Adolph Societies throughout the entire world. Hundreds of thousands of Christians stood and at the sound of the bugle joined in singing the great evangelical hymn:

"And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us;
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us."

The General Conference Hymn

Let us follow their example at Portland, Oregon. Hundreds of delegates and visitors from our German Baptist churches in the United States and Canada will gather for our General Conference and, on the opening night, let us stand and with deep conviction and assurance sing this greatest of all evangelical hymns.

Many reasons might be suggested for the selection of this hymn as our conference theme song. The years 1930 to 1936 have left an indelible impression upon our souls. For some of us, these years will be unforgettable. The strain and worry of that period have left their mark upon us. But, thank God! we have come through victoriously, not only as individuals, but also as churches and as a denomination.

We shall listen with eager anticipation to Dr. Kuhn's address on "The State of Our Denomination." Surely, if ever, we want to sing to the glory of our Lord the second verse:

"Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle."

Yes, it is true and it will always be true that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear!" So let us dare to go forward!

Official General Conference Program

of the Twenty-fifth General Conference of German Baptist Churches of North America at Portland, Oregon, from Monday, August 9, to Sunday, August 15

Monday, August 9

7:45 P. M.: The Opening Service.
Address of Welcome (German—5 minutes).
Conference Sermon by Prof. O. E. Krueger, Moderator (English).

Tuesday, August 10

Publication Society and Benevolent Institutions
9:30-10 A. M.: Organization.
10:00-10:30 A. M.: Address of the General Council: "The State of the Denomination," William Kuhn, D. D.
10:30-12 A. M.: The Publication Society in Session.
Report of the Secretary of the Publication Society, William L. Schoeffel.

Report of the Business Manager, H. P. Donner.

Report of the Editor of "Der Sendbote," Samuel Blum.

Report of the Editor of "The Baptist Herald," Martin L. Leuschner.

12:00-12:30 P. M.: Quiet Half Hour (English). "In the Beginning God," John Leyboldt.

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00-3:00 P. M.: Continuation of the Session of the Publication Society.

3:00-3:30 P. M.: Report of the Special Conference Committee for the Publication Society.
Open Discussion (20 minutes).

3:30-4:30 P. M.: Benevolent Institutions.

Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich.

Report by Rev. Hans Steiger. Homes for the Aged in Chicago, Philadelphia and Portland.

Report by Reuben Windisch.

Report of the Special Conference Committees for Benevolent Institutions.

EVENING SERVICE

7:00-7:30 P. M.: Early Service—Missionary Motion Pictures.

7:45 P. M.: Congregational Singing. Addresses in English and German (25 minutes each):

"The Printed Page and Kingdom Building," Charles F. Zummach, Trenton, Ill.

"Das gedruckte Wort und Charakterbildung," Edmund Mittelstedt, Morris, Manitoba.

Wednesday, August 11

Session of the General Missionary Society

9:30-10:00 A. M.: Business Session of the Conference.

10:00-12:00 A. M.: General Missionary Society.

Report of the General Missionary Secretary, William Kuhn, D. D.

Report of the Treasurer of the General Missionary Society, H. Theodore Sorg.

Report of the Ministers' Pension Fund, Joseph E. Rocho.

12:00-12:30 P. M.: Quiet Half Hour (German), "Fortschritt im Stillesein," Samuel Blum.

AFTERNOON SESSION
2:00 4:00 P. M.: Continuation of the Session of the Missionary Society.

Report of the Finance Committee, Arthur Schwerin.

4:00-4:30 P. M.: Report of the Special Conference Committee for the Missionary Society.

Open Discussion (20 minutes).

EVENING SERVICE

7:00-7:30 P. M.: Early Service—Informal Discussion.

"What Can We Do to Foster the Spirit of Unity and to Prevent Schisms Among Us?" Prof. Herman von Berge.

7:45 P. M.: Congregational Singing. Addresses in German and English (25 minutes each):

"Soll ich meines Bruders Hüter sein?" H. W. Wedel, Milwaukee, Wis.

"How Much Owest Thou My Lord?" E. Elmer Staub, Detroit, Mich.

Thursday, August 12

German Baptist Seminary

9:30-10:00 A. M.: Business Session of the Conference.

10:00-11:30 A. M.: The German Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y. Report of the Seminary Faculty by the Dean, Prof. Albert Bretschneider.

Report of the Trustees.
Report of the Treasurer.

11:30-12:00 A. M.: Report of the Special Conference Committee for the Seminary.

Open Discussion (20 minutes).

12:00-12:30 P. M.: Quiet Half Hour (English), "Saints of God," John Leyboldt.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The National Union of Women's Missionary Societies will present its own program, the details of which will be announced later.

EVENING SERVICE

7:00-7:30 P. M.: Early Service—Missionary Moving Pictures.

7:45 P. M.: Congregational Singing. Addresses in English and German (25 minutes each).

"The Glory of the Christian Min-

istry," David Hamel, Rochester, N. Y.

"Predige das Wort," Herman Palfenier, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Friday, August 13

9:30-10:00 A. M.: Business Session of the Conference.

10:00-11:00 A. M.: Business Matters Pertaining to the General Missionary Society.

11:00-11:30 A. M.: Election of Officers and Conference Committees.

11:30-12:00 A. M.: Memorial Service to be conducted by W. S. Argow.

12:00-12:30 P. M.: Quiet Half Hour (German), "Warum konnten wir nicht?" Samuel Blum.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union will have charge of the afternoon program and business session, details of which will appear in the July 15 issue.

The Seminary Banquet of the Seminary Alumni and their wives and guests preceding the evening service.

EVENING SERVICE

7:45 P. M.: Congregational Singing. Addresses in German and English (25 minutes each):

"Unser kanadisches Missionsfeld," Phil Daum, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"How Can We Rekindle the Evangelistic Spirit Among Us?" H. P. Donner, Cleveland, O.

Saturday, August 14

9:30 12:00 A. M.: Unfinished Business, Reports of Committees, Recommendations.

12:00-12:30 P. M.: Quiet Half Hour (English), "Soldiers of the Cross," John Leyboldt.

AFTERNOON

Saturday Afternoon is reserved for Sight-seeing Trips.

EVENING

Festive Banquet to be held under the Sponsorship of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

Address by L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich.

Sunday, August 15

10:30 A. M.: Conference Service of Worship.
Sermon by Rev. Assaf Husmann of Philadelphia, Pa.

2 00 P. M.: Mass Meeting under the Auspices of the Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union.
Address by Rev. Vincent Brushwyler Newark, N. J.

7:45 P. M.: The Closing Conference Service with the Observance of the Communion Service.

Hotel and Lodging Accomodations

FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND, OREGON

We are looking forward to a great Silver Jubilee Conference. Everything is being done to make every guest and delegate feel at home in Portland during these conference days.

HOUSING IN PRIVATE HOMES

Our endeavor is to house as many as possible of our guests and delegates in the homes of our members of the Portland churches, if such is desired. This means lodging and breakfast. Such space being limited it will be necessary to make your application early.

HOTELS AND RATES

The "Heathman Hotel" has been chosen the Official Hotel Headquarters of the conference. It is located only two blocks from the Masonic Temple, where the conference meetings will be held. It is one of the newest and finest hotels of Portland. The atmosphere of luxury and comfort pervades the beautiful lobbies, and the large pipe organ furnishes music during luncheon and dinner hours. A quiet and restful atmosphere prevails. The committee heartily recommends that the delegates and visitors centralize at this hotel.

Single room without bath.....\$1.75
Double room without bath..... 2.50
Twin beds without bath..... 3.00
Four in one room (two double beds without bath)..... 5.00
With shower bath

Single room 2.25
Double room 3.25
With bath
Single room 2.50
Double room 3.50
Twin beds, bath or shower...\$4.00 up

ROOSEVELT HOTEL

(One block south of Conference Hall)
Single room with bath.....\$2.00
Double room, one bed 2.50
Double room, twin beds 3.50

Y. W. C. A.

(Five minutes walk from Conference Hall)
Small single rooms 50 cts. per night, \$3.00 per week
Single rooms 75 cts. per night, \$4.50 per week
Single room \$1.00 per night, \$5.00 per week
Double rooms from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per night
Dormitory beds 50 cts. per night, \$3.00 per week

Y. M. C. A.

(Five minutes walk from Conference Hall)
Single room from 75 cts. to \$1.00 per day
Double room (twin beds) \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day



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Official Headquarters of the General Conference

INFORMATION BOOTH

At the place of meeting (Masonic Temple) we will have an information booth with telephone service. Capable attendants will be in charge. Here registrations will be made. Registration will be \$1.00. Any one paging another person or seeking a certain pastor will be accommodated here. Mail and messages will be gladly given

careful attention here during the conference. Address c/o General Conference, Masonic Temple, S. W. Park Ave., Portland Oregon.

Application and announcement of your coming must be mailed to Rev. E. P. Wahl, 119 N. E. Morris St., Portland, Oregon, by July 25.

THE HOUSING COMMITTEE,
Geo. Peters, Chairman.

Only Four Weeks Remain!

Only four weeks remain until the close of the fiscal year of the General Missionary Society on July 31, at which time the budget goal of \$400,000 ought to have been reached by the denomination. On May 1, 1937, a total of \$275,986.37 had been received in missionary and benevolent offerings since August 1, 1934, leaving a total of \$124,013.33 still to be raised before the budget total is reached.

We want to confess with grateful hearts how the heavenly Father has supplied our denomination with plentiful blessings during the past three years. The eager hearts and generous hands of our church members have constantly shared with what they had for the denominational enterprise. With joy we can announce that the denom-

increase during the past few months. Receipts for 33 months from August 1, 1933, to April 30, 1936\$243,810.83
Receipts for 33 months from April 1, 1934, to April 30, 1937 275,986.37

In order to present a financial statement at the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, of which we can be proud and for which we can be grateful to God all church and individual missionary gifts should be sent at once to the General Missionary Society before July 25. Let us reach our coveted budget goal!

THE GENERAL COUNCIL
William Kuhn, Executive Secretary.

A Song Forever

By Paul Hutchins

SYNOPSIS

The little town of Mayville was deeply stirred by the message of an evangelist, as he fervently proclaimed God's truths. The three Wilkens' brothers were also in the services. Gardner consecrated himself anew to his Lord. Tommy, the youngest, gave his heart to Christ. But Clyde, although present at the services, was more interested in his jazz band that he was organizing. Even the action of his close friend, Erwin, in making his decision for Christ did not deter him in any way. One evening Gardner took Jean, a nurse at the hospital in which he had been for several weeks following an accident, to an inn for something to eat and for a pleasant chat. It was an awful shock, however, when he recognized the leader of the jazz orchestra in the inn as his brother, Clyde.

CHAPTER TWELVE

Gardner was waiting for Clyde when he came home at two o'clock in the morning. He had been sitting in the library reading and trying to read. For some time he had stood watching Clyde and the orchestra. He hoped Clyde would not see him and yet he did not care. He was both grieved and angry. Jean waited quietly, wondering, feeling with his disappointment, yet not knowing its cause.

Before leaving Gardner stopped at the entrance window to ask the name of the orchestra.

"It's a new orchestra with headquarters at Mayville," was the reply to his inquiry. "They came over and played for us a few weeks ago and we gave them this date. They're good, aren't they? The young fellow at the piano is taking the eye of the crowd. He has possibilities."

Gardner returned to the dance to give the thing his final appraisal. In the car he was very quiet. Jean guessed that something serious was troubling him. She wanted to offer her sympathy, to erase, if she could, the anxiety from his face, yet she dared not. Several times she started to speak but each time restrained herself.

"Just another cross for me," he volunteered as they drove along. There was no denying that the orchestra played well. Both rhythm and harmony were excellent. But when, Gardner asked himself, had Clyde arranged for this?

When had he organized the orchestra? Gardner recognized the other players—all high school boys from Mayville. Some of them had once played for the Sunday School.

"I may as well tell you," he said, "I can feel your questions and your sincere interest. The 'Hotcha Syncopaters' are headquartering in Mayville. The pianist and director sleeps under our own roof. Clyde Wilkins is his name!"

"Oh!" she cried.

He felt that she understood and though he was ashamed, he knew that she did not condemn him because of his brother. He was glad that he had told her. It was like confessing one's sins to God to confide in Jean. She seemed to understand and to feel with him the shame of the thing.

At the nurses' home he paused to say "Good night." They were standing beside the car. Her blue eyes were upon him, her chin half buried behind her fur.

"I wish I could have another accident or something so I could—"

"So you could have Dr. Holdredge look after you? He is good, isn't he?" she interrupted playfully.

Gardner laughed. "There's nothing about a doctor to make a fellow want a nurse."

She laughed with him. "Very well, then, have an accident next Sunday night at seven o'clock and we'll go to church together."

Her words caught him off guard. He was more than pleased.

"Sunday night at seven, then, and in the meantime—"

"In the meantime I'll remember your brother at the Throne of Grace."

"And remember his brother, too—his older brother."

"I will."

Gardner was thinking of her last words feeling his utter helplessness in dealing with Clyde. "Oh Christ," he prayed, "help me not to make a mess of things." He felt a little more courage when he remembered that she had promised to pray for him. He needed her prayers so much. A fleeting, disquieting thought flashed into his mind. Would Lela—had Lela ever prayed for him? . . . Could Lela pray for him?

At this he heard a car door slam out in front, and Clyde came up the walk. Gardner braced himself, rose to his feet and turned toward the door. He would have it out with Clyde tonight.

The door opened abruptly and the two faced each other. Clyde seemed not to have expected this. His face registered surprise.

"Well?" Clyde challenged.

Gardner's eyes blazed. He told himself it was jealousy of his father's name and standards, love for the family reputation, that had driven him to do this. He was not prepared for the outcome of the struggle into which he now plunged himself. "We may as well settle the question once for all," he declared grimly.

"Settle what?" Clyde was coolly defiant. The spirit of success had given him confidence. Who was the man who dared cross him tonight!

"The Hotcha Syncopaters!" Gardner returned his voice trembling.

Clyde stiffened. "I supposed you'd find out sooner or later. What are you going to do about it? You with all your religion and drunken sprees. Yeah, what are you going to do about it?" he hurled.

Gardner had not expected this. He was suddenly humbled. All his mustered-up courage fled. Recalling Jean's promise to pray he was reminded of a strength that does not depend upon natural resources, strength that is made perfect in weakness.

His manner changed although his spirit was still yearning to press the battle from another angle. "I have probably made a bigger fool of myself than you have ever done or ever will do," he said controlling his voice. Clyde had him whipped and he knew it. What chance had he now to save Clyde from going farther and farther away from God? Clyde could not understand that his drinking had been only an impulse of the moment, that, since then, a marvelous transformation had taken place within him, was still taking place within him.

"You'd better back down!" Clyde asserted loftily. "Can't a fellow have his own way in anything? Does he have to be a molycoddle all his life because he was born in a tenth century town and brought up in a religious cradle? Does he have to follow the dictates of convention just because it will shock the Sunday School and the old ladies of the town if he doesn't? Bosh!" Clyde shrugged his shoulders. "The Syncopaters are just getting started! We're scheduled at Wee Woods tomorrow night. Better come

out! Surprised, eh? You didn't read it in the paper? No, you didn't! The editor of the paper doesn't believe in dances! He just believes in going in once in awhile when no one knows about it! Oh I saw you there tonight with that red haired girl! First it's Lela, then it's Mrs. Beckwith; and now somebody else! Oh you can't fool me! Don't I know you? Haven't I been watching you? Religion? Bosh! Sham! Pretense! Father'd be alive today if you'd really been as good as you pretended!"

Clyde's voice had risen as he talked. He had waited a long time for this, and now his chance had come, he had dared to do it. He strode to the stairs and went up, each foot tramping heavily upon the steps.

In the hall, Gardner stood, staggered in spirit, lashed until his soul was bare and bleeding. In desperation he fell on his knees. "Oh Heavenly Father!" he prayed. "I have made a failure. Oh, I pray by thy Holy Spirit and Power, enable me to overcome and to win him for thee. I do not hate him. . . . He is my brother, but oh, we are so far apart!" When he arose from prayer he was still burdened and his footsteps fell tardily upon the stairs as he went up. How could he sleep tonight? He wondered. Yet he must, for tomorrow there was much to do at the office, much that Clyde would have to help him do.

The morning mail brought a letter from Lela. Gardner found it on the bottom of a large packet of mail in his post office box. It had probably come on the later afternoon train yesterday. For the first time Gardner did not feel the thrill which had always accompanied the receiving of her letters. He wanted to open it and yet he didn't. It could wait until he arrived at the office.

Was the first class mail all distributed? he wondered. The post office window was closed, so he peered through some of the boxes to see. A letter in the box through which he was looking caught his eye. It said, "Manager Hotcha Syncopaters." So! Clyde had a box of his own! Didn't use the family box any more! Gardner hadn't meant to look again, but he did, nevertheless. The postmark said, "Sleighton," a town forty miles from Mayville. Even while he was looking another letter fell on top of the first one. This one was addressed to "Mr. Clyde Wilkins, Hotcha Syncopaters, Mayville."

Gardner's heart was heavy. Clyde was not only doing this against the traditions of the family, but he was being secretive about it. "Good morning, Gardner." It was Mr. Howard, the grocer. Tommy was helping Mr. Howard in the store on Saturday mornings. "Good morning." "Quite a severe snowstorm. The paper predicts another with plenty of wind tomorrow night. This one came on quite unexpected, didn't it?"

"Pretty suddenly."

"Well, life is like that," Mr. Howard remarked cheerily, "so many surprises even for a small town. I've a piece of news for you that ought to make the front page."

"Yes?" Gardner was thinking of Mr. Howard's words: "Life is like that . . . so many surprises."

Mr. Howard went on, "It's an idea for a gospel team for our church. Pastor Phillips is not so well this week, you know, and he wonders if some of us will take charge of the services tomorrow night. . . . He seems to think that a number of musical selections, interspersed by short talks by a few of the older members and some of the new converts, would make a mighty fine meeting."

Gardner's eyes lit up; the dreary, discouraged expression disappeared. This was indeed "news," a thousand times more important than Sunday afternoon football games or a bridge party at Mrs. Handrhymer's house.

The two men left the post office together, passing Old Dan's place on their way to Mr. Howard's store. Mr. Howard sniffed and nodded toward the door. "Smell that? If it were any other kind of foul odor, the town would clean it out, but when it's something men like to drink, it's tolerated!"

"It's the spiritual stench that disturbs me most. I wonder if anybody ever invites Old Dan to church." Gardner stopped. Only this morning he had prayed for Old Dan. "Wait a minute," he requested, "I'll do it right now."

Mr. Howard hesitated. "I never go in," he said. Then, "All right."

Old Dan's place didn't have many loafers at this hour. His biggest business would come later in the day.

"Yes sir?" Old Dan greeted. "What this morning? Schlitz or Blatz?"

"Neither and none." Gardner answered definitely yet kindly. "We've come in to invite you to come to church tomorrow night."

"Tomorrow night?" Old Dan's voice was somewhat raspy this morning. "I can't get away Sunday nights. That's my busiest night, almost. Show night, you know, and I have to be there to catch the aftershow trade. Sorry." He turned to wait on a customer who had just entered. Gardner recognized the new comer as a travelling salesman who stopped in town every Saturday morning.

Gardner was nonplussed. Something in Old Dan's eye discouraged him. "You try it," he said to Mr. Howard.

When the salesman had been served, Mr. Howard sat down on one of the little round stools and looked Old Dan squarely in the eye. Old Dan's eyes shifted considerably when he was embarrassed or displeased.

"You buy your groceries from me, Mr. Towers, and I want you to know I appreciate it, but you never come to church."

"Yes, I do. I was there last summer at Archer Wilkins' funeral. Oh

yes, Gardner, I paid my respects to your pa even though he never darkened my door nor gave me an inch of advertising in his paper."

Gardner disliked Old Dan's tone, but he held himself in check. Old Dan could never be won by harsh methods.

Old Dan had more to say. "But that's all right, boys. You religious fellows keep right on. I believe in doing to others as I'd like to be done by. I leave the church alone and I don't expect the church to bother me. Anyhow a lot of my customers are church goers and they think it's all right."

"You know my stand, Mr. Towers. I made a fool of myself here one night last summer and I want to confess it to you. You were no more to blame for selling it than I was for drinking it. But God has forgiven me and I want you to know that by his Grace, that sort of thing has gone out of my life forever. I want to tell only for Jesus Christ from now on."

As he uttered the last sentence, Gardner thought of Jean. She would approve of what he had said. There was a consciousness also that the Lord Jesus Christ had already approved, had even guided him in the saying of it. . . . Now Gardner knew that for many months he had been wanting to tell Old Dan just this, but he had never dared to do it until today.

"I believe in Religion all right," Old Dan countered, as if to defend himself against anything savoring of real Christianity, "but I don't believe in the narrow kind. Let every man have his own religion and live his own life according to the dictates of his own conscience. Them's the principles on which our country was founded and I try to live up to 'em"

"I believe in the 'narrow' kind of religion," Mr. Howard said to Gardner as they left the store, "not narrow in the sense of being bigotted or niggardly, but in the way that Jesus meant when he said, 'Straight is the gate and narrow is the way and few there be that find it.'"

Simp, Old Dan's dog, had come up to Gardner the moment he entered and waited hesitantly for his greeting. His usual friendliness for Gardner was lacking as if he hesitated to greet his friend in this place. Only this morning Simp had stopped at Gardner's garage door and whined until Gardner had recognized him. He couldn't understand the friendliness of the dog, but he liked it nevertheless. As he had done when he first came in, Gardner stooped again before leaving and patted the sorrowful head, at which Simp wagged his tail in appreciation.

Gardner stopped at Mr. Howard's store before going to his office. "Old Dan's a wilfully blind follower of a blind philosophy," Mr. Howard said. "About all you can do for a man like that is to pray for him and be kind to him and trust God to bring some change into his life to awaken him. It's bet-

ter to have to suffer here in a small way than to have to suffer throughout all eternity, you know. The Lord seems to know when he allows things to happen to people, even though the things that happen are the natural outworking of the laws of nature or the consequences of their own wrongdoing."

Gardner knew well what Mr. Howard's words meant.

Mr. Howard concluded: "I can see the wisdom of your father's dying request now. This town has plenty of men and women who never hear the gospel unless they get it at a funeral service. They never go to church at any other time, except perhaps at Christmas or on Easter Sunday. Old Dan can't say at the judgment that he never had a chance to hear. Pastor Phillips surely did preach the truth that day."

"I think I can see more and more my father's wisdom in matters pertaining to the Christian life."

"There are few who learned the secret of the deep things of God like he did. He walked closely with God; and that's the price a man has to pay if he wants to attain to spiritual giant-hood. I think I can see you, twenty years from now, as noble and as spiritual as he."

"God grant it!" Gardner said, with his head bowed.

At the Citizen office he found Mr. Grimes busy at the linotype. "Well," Mr. Grimes began, eyeing his chief with respect, "they're trying to bring a little pressure to bear on us for turning down the cigarette advertising. Their representative called a few minutes ago, said he'd be back. All the exchanges are carrying it, he says, and there are the plates—seventy dollars' worth. That's how much space they'd take by the time we'd run all of them."

Gardner glanced at the plates. "It looks like I'm going to have another chance to preach the gospel to a travelling salesman," he said grimly. "I'm glad you understand Mr. Grimes. It makes it easier for me, to know that my Father's right hand man is here to back me up."

"Your father lived what he preached. I worked for him fifteen years and I ought to know."

"About this cigarette advertising... I can't accept it because of the pictures of women smoking. I realize from the standpoint of freedom a woman has as much right to smoke as a man, but as a Christian I don't smoke and I can't see myself accepting money for something that I believe to be positively harmful, not only to women but to men as well. Lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset you." Smoking is a weight at least. If I advertise cigarettes, I should have no right to condemn Tommy some day if he should take up smoking."

Gardner sat down at his desk. He seemed to remember that there was

an important letter that he should open first. Oh yes, a letter from Lela!

He seized the letter opener, leaned back in his chair. Lela was at Rynelle for her final year. Things had not gone so well for him during the few weeks prior to her leaving. Her letters had been warm and friendly but little more than that. He wondered, as he studied the handwriting, if he was as deeply stirred as a man should be who received a letter from his beloved. If only he could talk over with her the things which were uppermost in his thoughts. He liked to match wits with her, to talk of little inanities, and he was thrilled by her personal charm. He was always moved when he thought of the way she had forgiven him for that Saturday night last summer. Memories for her unpremeditated kiss upon his scarred forehead—yes, and her kisses under the Old Pine tree that night at Rynelle—these he could not recall without pleasure. Why could not he still feel toward her as he had at that time? Was his present feeling for her more sane and mature, or had his fervor cooled for another reason? If only there was not that depressing, unsatisfied feeling which came to him whenever he tried to discuss with her his work and the things which interested him most.

Upon opening the letter he caught the scent of Lela's dainty perfume.

"My Dear Gardner," the letter ran: "My letter will be brief today for I hope to see you Saturday afternoon. Meet me, Gardie Dear, at the station at five o'clock. I have perfectly wonderful news for you which I want to tell you in person. I have no classes Monday morning and we can be together both Saturday and Sunday evenings. I can take the midnight train Sunday night at Stromberg and be back here by nine o'clock Monday morning."

The letter was signed,
"Your Own,
Lela."

"Your own Lela!" That was the way she had ended her letter. Well, why not? He had been madly in love with her, had told her so and had persistently pursued her. Did this letter mean then that he had at last won her for himself? He wondered. One thing the letter did mean: he must cancel his date with Jean. It was a choice between that and—what? He didn't know. Lela were not coming, the matter would be simple enough; he would bring Jane here. Such a meeting would be to Jane's liking. But with Lela present in the service, he wondered how much liberty he would have to speak. He was to give a ten minute talk on what it cost to live for Christ. Mr. Howard would conduct the meeting. The orchestra would play a few numbers and four or more of the new converts, including Tommy, were to tell "What Jesus Means to Me."

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General Conference Snapshots

Bring your cameras with you to the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, from August 9 to 15. Interesting snapshots will be worth money to you. Prizes will be given for candid snapshots of conference leaders or groups, of human interest scenes or nature views which have some connection with the General Conference, or of anything in your conference experiences that makes an appeal to you. These pictures will be used in our publications and promotional literature.

The judges of the contest will be William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, Samuel Blum, editor of "Der Sendbote," Norman Boehm, president of the National Y. P. and S. S. W. Union, and M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald."

Prizes of \$3.00 will be given for the most unusual picture and \$2.00 for the next best picture. A prize of \$1.00 will be given for every picture which can be used in our publications. Everyone has a chance to win one or more of these many prizes. You may contribute as many pictures as you wish.

Beside the City of Roses THE CONQUEST OF THE WORLD

By Mr. Samuel Rich

Today the popular subject of conversation is the likelihood of another farflung European war. In the last war billions of dollars were spent and human life of inestimable value sacrificed to accomplish a purpose which no one can definitely ascertain today, other than that a few wealthy munitions manufacturers might have more millions to add to their already surplus wealth. Every nation that entered that war lost and is still losing. That is armed conquest.

Christ taught us a mode of conquest with a different motive, one that does not require the loss of wealth and life required by the other, a method with infinite power working quietly but magnificently in the hearts of men.

It is the mode used by Paul in making his conquest of southern Europe for Christ. It was also true of Augustine and of Luther, who alone did more to help the people of the western hemisphere than all the wars of Europe. There is the conquest of John Bunyan, made from behind prison walls—the conquest of human hearts. William Carey, a humble shoemaker, did more to help the world than a dozen Napoleons. It has been the missionary enterprise more than any conquest of war that has opened new fields of commerce and wealth.

Through faith in the Great General we shall conquer our enemy. March forward, Church of the Living God!

What's Happening News

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P. U." was discussed. The funds in the treasury were designated for the Cameroon mission field and for the securing of a new minister for the church.

Miss Bernice Stenzel of the Strassburg Church near Marion, Kansas, and Mr. Harold Lambert were married on Sunday, May 16, at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stenzel. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, pastor of the Strassburg Church. Mrs. Lambert has been exceedingly active in young people's activities in the Southwestern Conference, having served as president of the Kansas Y. P. and S. S. W. Union for the past 2 years. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have established their home in Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

The Rev. C. A. Gruhn, missionary at Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, has resigned his charge because of ill health of his wife and will bring his ministry to a close on July 31. On Sunday, May 2, the church surprised Mr. Gruhn on the occasion of his 67th birthday. Representatives of the church expressed their congratulations and the choir sang appropriate numbers. The Ladies' Aid Society brought its best wishes in the presentation of a gift. Mr. and Mrs. Gruhn will later return to Missoula, Mont., where they will make their permanent residence.

The Rev. J. H. Kornelsen, minister of the Strassburg Church near Marion, Kansas, baptized 10 persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday, June 6. The baptismal service was held at the nearby Cottonwood River. A unique arrangement for the ministry of music has been adopted by the Strassburg Church. Mr. Milton Stenzel serves as general director of music with the oversight of all musical activities, Mr. Roy Vogel as choir director, and Mr. Harvey Kruse as the rector, and Mr. Harvey Kruse as the director of congregational singing. This arrangement has been very satisfactory.

A "Mother and Daughter Banquet" was held on Thursday evening, May 13, at the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., with about 275 persons present. A fine dinner was served by the men of the church. Mrs. Ruth Rocho served as toastmistress and song leader of the program. The program consisted of outside talent such as 3 soloists, a violinist and an elocutionist besides recitation numbers and brief addresses by members of the church. It was an evening long to be remembered by all the mothers and daughters who attended.

The Rev. Charles F. Zummach, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the local high school in June. On Memorial Day, May 30, he gave the address at a Union service of the churches. The annual Mother and Daughter banquet of the church was held on Thursday evening June 10, with a large group in attendance. On Sunday, June 20, Mr. Zummach spoke on "27 Years in the Ministry," in view of that day being the anniversary of his first sermon on Romans 1:16 in the same church.

"Our Mission Fields" is the title of an attractive mimeographed paper of four pages sent to all the members and friends of the Evangel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J. The Rev. Vincent Brushwyler, minister, and Miss Grace Kettner, missionary of the church, are responsible for the editorial work. The June 1935, copy carried interesting and challenging news items from such fields as the Inland South America, Missionary Union, the Lighton "Hope" Hill in South America, the Congo field of Africa, French West Africa, the China Inland Mission and our work in the Cameroons of Africa. The Evangel Church is a missionary church which by gifts and prayers literally goes "into all the world to preach the gospel."

The Association of Western Nebraska convened in Creston from June 3 to 6 with many delegates and visitors from the Shell Creek and Beatrice churches also in attendance. The Rev. F. W. Partel of Avon, So. Dak., and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago, Ill., served as guest preachers with several addresses. The Reverends Martin De Boer and J. J. Renz of the Shell Creek and Creston churches and Mr. Arthur Weisser, the summer pastor of the Beatrice church, also had a prominent part in the program. The missionary offerings on Sunday devoted to the denominational enterprise, amounted to \$61.05. The newly elected officers of the association are Rev. Martin De Boer, moderator; Rev. J. J. Renz, secretary; and Mr. Wm. Brunken, treasurer.

The Rev. E. P. Wahl, minister of the Second German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, has resigned his charge in order to serve as missionary in the Northern Conference in the area west of Saskatoon. He will serve such fields of Lashburn and possibly a few others in Saskatchewan, Innisfree, Valley View and Forestburg, Alberta. For several months during the winter he will be active as the director in charge of the several Bible Schools held for young people throughout the Northern Conference. Mr. Wahl and his family will live in Edmonton, Alberta, and hope to be on their new field of service shortly after Sept. 1st. Mr.

Wahl's appointment as missionary in Canada was made by the General Missionary Society of the denomination.

The Kansas, Y. P. and S. S. W. Union held its convention at Bison from May 31 to June 3 with more than 200 young people as registered delegates from all of Kansas' 11 churches. A missionary goal of \$200 was adopted for 1937-8 to include the Danubian field, the training of native workers in Kakaland and the new Mambila field in Africa. A successful innovation was the banquet on Wednesday evening, June 2, attended by 170 persons. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, brought 2 evening addresses and conducted a general class on "Training for Leadership." The officers for the coming year are Miss Helen Witt of Bison, president; Mr. Edward Hildebrand of Stafford, vice-president; Miss Ruth Woody of Durham, secretary; Mr. Gordon Kohman of Dillon, treasurer; and Rev. Pieter Smit of Lorraine, advisor.

On Wednesday evening, May 26, the members of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, surprised their pastor, the Rev. William L. Schoeffel, on his birthday. Mr. Fred Linsz of the board of deacons had charge of the varied program, in which Mrs. W. Wilke, Mrs. Flora D. Ford, Miss Thelma Rowley, Mr. Nick Giese and the Rev. Eckhard Umbach representing organizations in the church brought their congratulations to Mr. Schoeffel. Mr. H. P. Donner, chairman of the finance board, brought a brief address of best wishes and presented Mr. Schoeffel with an appropriate gift. In May of this year Mr. Schoeffel completed a ministry of 4 years in the church with accompanying success. The feature article in this issue of "The Baptist Herald" about the inspiring Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," has been written by Mr. Schoeffel.

Several German Baptist ministers had a prominent part in the commencement exercises of the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary in California from Sunday, May 23, to Sunday, May 30. The Rev. G. E. Lohr of Lodi, Calif., delivered the baccalaureate address on Sunday morning, May 23, and in the evening brought an evangelistic message. Mr. Lohr was the guest speaker at the Baptist Ministers' Meeting on Monday morning. The commencement exercises were held on Sunday, May 30 with the commencement address given by the Rev. Pieter Smit of Lorraine, Kansas. Both Mr. Smit and Mr. Lohr were awarded the Doctor of Divinity title. On the commencement program Mr. Smit was described as "outstandingly one of the best fundamentalist preachers in the West." He was the guest speaker at the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., on Sunday evening, May 30.

Reports from the Field

Northern Conference

Alberta Association and Tri Union Conference at the Wiesental Church from July 21 to 25

Theme: "Entschiedenenes Christentum."

WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 21

7:30 P. M.: Opening Service.
Special Music by the Wiesental Orchestra.
Greetings by the Local Pastor, Rev. Fred. W. Benke.
Response by the Vice-president, Rev. G. W. Rutsch.
Sermon by Rev. A. Kraemer of Edmonton.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

9:30 A. M.: Devotions led by Rev. H. Schatz.
Message by Mr. R. Kern, Student.
10:15-11:15 A. M.: Association Business and Election of Officers.
11:15-12 A. M.: Message by Prof. Frank Woyke of Rochester, N. Y.
1:30-2:00 P. M.: Devotions by B. Y. P. U. of Second Church of Leduc.
2-3 P. M.: Reports of Treasurer and Churches.
3-4 P. M.: Bible Study: "The Church of Christ" by Rev. A. Kujath.
7:45 P. M.: Opening Service of the Tri Union Conference.
Special Music by Wiesental Brass Band.
Sermon by Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Stony Plain.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

9:30-10:15 A. M.: Devotions with Message by Mr. Rudolf Millbrandt, Student.
10:15-11:30 A. M.: Tri Union Organization and Reports.
11:30-12 A. M.: Consecration Service led by Rev. A. Kraemer.
1:30-2 P. M.: Devotions by B. Y. P. U. of Glory Hill.
2-2:30 P. M.: "Music" by Rev. H. Schatz of Leduc.
2:30-3 P. M.: Message by Rev. C. B. Thole.
3-4 P. M.: Address by Prof. Frank Woyke followed by discussion.
7:45 P. M.: Evangelistic Service.
Sermon by Rev. G. Beutler of O'ds.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

9:30-10:15 A. M.: Devotion with Message by Mr. Richard Schilke, Student.
10:15-11:30 A. M.: Unfinished Business.
11:30-12 A. M.: Message by Rev. G. Beutler.
2-4 P. M.: Rehearsal of the Mass

Choir with the Director, Rev. H. Schatz.

7:45 P. M.: Gospel Service for Youth. Orchestra Selections and Roll Call. Sermon by Professor Frank Woyke of Rochester N. Y.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

9:30-10:45 A. M.: "A Model Sunday School."
Beginners' Dept.—Martha Troester; Youth Dept.—Walter Kujath; Adult Dept.—Ben Link.
11:45-12 A. M.: Mission Service with Sermon by Rev. A. Kujath.
(Simultaneously a Children's Service will be held under the leadership of the Misses Frieda L. Weisser and Linda Rutsch.)
2:30 P. M.: Closing Mass Meeting. Music by Brass Band.
Installation of New Officers.
Closing Sermon by Professor Frank Woyke.

Pacific Conference

Tri Union Get-Together in Southern California

For the past few years it has been customary for the young people's societies of Anaheim, the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles and the First Church of Los Angeles to have a Tri Union program. This year we met on Friday evening May 21, at the First German Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif.

During the serving of a delicious dinner, hymns and choruses were sung. Afterwards the male quartet of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, known as "the Ambassadors," rendered an inspiring program. The quartet consists of Roy and Ralph Kraft, Leland Friesen and Gordon Hyde, with Mr. and Mrs. Whitwell as advisors. The testimonies of the young men in messages and songs showed us how God can use the lives of young people for his service. Mr. Whitwell brought a message on "Separation." He stressed the fact that if we are to live real Christian lives, we must be separate from the world.

May the challenge presented to us as young people on this evening make us more willing to live wholly for him who gave his life for us!

ESTHER LEUSCHNER, Reporter.

Lodi Sunday School Class Honors Mothers at a Dinner Party

The Sunday School Class, called "The Girls' Guild" of the German Baptist Church of Lodi, California, recently entertained their mothers, in honor of Mother's Day, with an Italian

dinner at Lockeford Inn. There were 42 in attendance at the dinner. Members of this class consist of single girls who are past the High School age, and its membership numbers about twenty-two. Miss Vera Leischner is teacher of the class, Miss Emma Rowe, president, Miss Laurene Miller, secretary, and Miss Rose Melcher, treasurer.

Miss Emma Rowe presided over the brief business meeting. As the mothers and members were introduced an acknowledgment was made with a Bible verse. Miss Vera Leischner sang a solo, "Wonderful Mother of Mine," accompanied by the piano by Miss Lillian Jucht. Miss Bertha Meyers gave a reading, entitled "Mother." All the young women joined in the singing of "Faith of Our Mothers," at which time each mother was presented with a gift.

Decorations consisted of dainty individual place cards depicting a garden gate looking under a striped awning into a rose garden. The centerpiece carried out the same theme, with roses used to bring the breath of spring into the meeting. Green and orchid candles carried out the color note in the decorations.

The Girls' Guild meets once a month at the various homes where interesting Bible discussions take place, which have proven to be beneficial to all.

BERTHA MEYERS, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Recognition Service of the Rev. D. Hamel's Ministry in Rochester

The Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, New York, devoted the Sunday morning service on June 6 to a public recognition of the 14 years of service of its minister, the Rev. David Hamel. Professor L. Kaiser, who gave the address, had spoken words of welcome to him 14 years previously when he began his pastorate in the church. At that time he voiced the high esteem in which he and the congregation held the incumbent pastor, and he was able to say at the end of the fourteen years that the pastor fully met their expectations and that this esteem had not diminished but rather enlarged through the close contact of the intervening years.

The Rev. David Hamel, assisted by his faithful, exemplary wife and his devoted children, served the Master as pastor and shepherd of the flock with a loyalty and a devotion that cannot be too highly lauded. It was with keen regret that the church accepted his resignation occasioned principally by the fact that the physician strongly

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urged the necessity of taking it a bit easier for a time. In addition to that, Mr. Hamel had long determined to step down and to give his position to a younger man, in the Lord should preserve his life until his 70th milestone.

In recognition of his birthday and in appreciation of his long years of faithful service the church presented him with a gift. The Sunday School, Young People's Society and the Women's Missionary Society also showered the parting pastor and family with appropriate gifts.

The sorrow was less poignant since the Hamels will remain in Rochester and will retain their connection with the church. The service was under the leadership of Professor F. W. C. Meyer, and Professor A. J. Ramaker offered the prayer.

ARTHUR A. SCHADE, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Oklahoma Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Institute at Shattuck

The German Baptist Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of Oklahoma met from May 27 to 30 at Shattuck. By the kind consent of the Methodist brethren in Shattuck, we had the full use of their house of worship during these days.

The meeting opened with an enlivening song service, led by the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Gotebo. Mr. Roy Kretz, the vice-president of the Shattuck Union, gave a welcoming address. The Rev. R. Klein introduced our institute motto, "Excelsior." Miss Esther Schuelberg introduced our institute theme in her devotional hour, "Christ, the Hope of the World." It was our great fortune and privilege to have in our midst the editor of the "Baptist Herald," the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, who brought to us the evening message. He brought our attention to the fact that the application of Christ's principles is the only way of ridding this world of sin.

Three classes were held for Juniors and Intermediates taught by Mrs. Downie on Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress;" for young people by Rev. A. G. Rietdorf on "Christian Doctrines;" and a German class by Rev. F. W. Socholsky on "The Sermon on the Mount." Mr. Leuschner taught a general class in which he stressed how our religion can become the most thrilling adventure of our lives.

On Friday morning the Rev. A. Knopf of Ingersoll had charge of the devotional period. His theme was "Christ, the Hope of the World, a Sanctification." On Friday afternoon Mr. Earl Geis of Gotebo had charge of devotions. A male quartet constituted of the Reverends Julius Ehrhorn, R. Klein, Chas. Wagner and Mr. Harry Geis, favored us with selections throughout the institute.

The officers for the next year are as follows: president, Roy Kretz; vice-president, Rev. Chas. Wagner; secre-

tary, Esther Schuelberg; treasurer, Viola Knopf.

Saturday morning the devotional hour was in charge of Hildegard Wagner of Okeene. Her theme was "Christ the Hope of the World, for Cleaner Living." Due to the excessive rain, we spent the afternoon in the High School gymnasium playing various games. We listened to a debate by several ministers on the subject, "Are Short Sermons more Profitable than Long Sermons?" Rev. Martin L. Leuschner brought the evening address and all were blessed. His subject was "Finding Oneself."

Sunday morning as the sun came forth, we assembled in the country church. Roy Kretz led the Sunday School service. Mr. Leuschner gave a German talk. The Rev. Chas. Wagner brought the morning address. The general program was given Sunday afternoon and all unions were represented in the inspiring program.

The Okeene Union won the mileage and poster banner. The Gotebo Union was given recognition for having the highest number of points in the Standard of Excellence.

An impressive installation service was held for the new officers on Sunday evening when Mr. Rietdorf very capably charged them with their new responsibilities. Mr. Leuschner gave the closing address, and we left very much blessed and determined to live a better, cleaner life.

MISS HILDEGARD WAGNER,
Secretary pro tem.



The Students and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School in Ellinwood, Kansas

A Fine Vacation Bible School at Ellinwood, Kansas

On Tuesday, May 11, a Vacation Bible School was begun in Ellinwood, Kansas, with 28 pupils enrolled the first morning. To create a greater interest we announced several contests between two sides and also among the various classes. Special points were given for being present and on time and for bringing visitors and new pupils. This resulted in a gradual increase in attendance with an enrollment of 32 pupils at the end of the two weeks period. We had an average

attendance of 29 with 25 who had perfect attendance.

Each day was begun with a 15 minute devotional period in charge of the instructors. From 9:15 to 12:00 the various classes were in session. Most of the time was spent with a general get-acquainted with the B.b.le. One-half hour period was used for the purpose of encouraging the pupils to express themselves, and each day two of the Juniors would tell the story of some outstanding Bible character, which created a great interest and considerable study. Singing and Bible dramatization took no small place.

In the evening of the closing day a picnic luncheon was served by the Sunday School after which a fine program was presented. This closing program was in the form of the "school in action" so that parents could receive an idea of what had been done. The Junior and Primary groups presented the drama, "The Childhood of Moses."

Such interest was created that already a number have asked that this school be conducted later next year with classes arranged for High School pupils. More definite plans are already being made and definite literature is being studied for a bigger and better school in 1938.

The teachers, Mrs. O. K. Ringering, Mrs. Stanley Ringering, Lillian Scheufler and Mrs. W. Helwig, rendered splendid and loyal service. A picture of the Vacation School with the faculty members appears on this page.

REV. W. HELWIG, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference The Recent Sessions of the Delaware Association

From April 25 to 28 the Delaware Association met at Jamesburg, N. J., where the Rev. C. Peters is pastor. The Rev. Milton R. Schroeder was "the John the Baptist," who brought two stirring messages on the preceding Sunday morning and evening. It took real Baptist courage to venture out on Monday for Baptist weather predominated to such an extent that many delegates could not come. Those who



"The Happy Hundred" Group at a Recent Midweek Service of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, New Jersey

did come found a real German Baptist warmth in the welcome and hospitality of our Jamesburg friends. The Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt had come from Union City and had brought the Rev. C. F. Dallmus along with them.

Reports from the churches were good. The Rev. J. G. Draewell, former pastor of the Second Philadelphia church, read a paper on "The Baptist Attitude Toward the Church" after the Rev. C. F. Dallmus had led us in the first period of our devotions. Other leaders in our "Quiet Times with God" were the Reverends Albert Linder, Jr., Milton R. Schroeder and John Pastoret. Papers on the following "Baptist Principles" were read and discussed: "The Independence of the Local Church," "Baptists and the Lord's Supper," "Baptists and Present Day Problems," "Baptists and World Missions" by the Reverends Albert Linder, Sr., Emmanuel Wolff, A. Husmann and Herman G. Kuhl, respectively. Mr. Daniel Linder brought "My Experience in the Near East," a view of Palestine as it is today, and the Rev. C. F. Dallmus brought a message on "Israel's Place in God's Plan for the World." Inspirational sermons on "Supreme Affection," "An Abounding Blessing" and "God's Workmanship" were brought by the Reverends E. Wolff, H. G. Kuhl and A. Husmann. Mrs. Rekatzky, Mrs. Milton Schroeder and Mrs. Alvina Schroeder brought messages in song.

The meals were served in the lovely new basement dedicated last September on the occasion of the Rev. and Mrs. C. Peters' silver wedding anniversary. The Rev. J. Pastoret was reelected treasurer and the Rev. G. Schmidt, secretary. The invitation to meet in Baltimore next year was accepted.

HERMAN G. KUHL, Reporter.

The Happy Hundred Group of the Clinton Hill Church of Newark

The nucleus of the Thursday evening midweek services of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., is organized and known as "The Happy Hundred." A picture of this fine group is shown above in the current issue of "The Baptist Herald," taken recently by Mr. Henry Lingerman at the close of one of the regular midweek services of the church.

At the beginning of last fall about 100 persons signed their names in our "Blue Book," the registry of "The Happy Hundred," declaring that, unless providentially hindered, they would be present at all midweek services at least until the close of the year. During those weeks the attendance averaged well over 100 persons, and dropped only once beneath that mark. During this time we studied "the Six Days of Creation" as recorded in the Book of Genesis.

At the beginning of the new year, 1937, nearly all the original signers reaffirmed their purpose to attend the midweek services regularly, this time extending the period through the spring months.

CHARLES W. KOLLER, Pastor.

Inspirational Young People's Conference at Newark

The 17th annual conference of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Atlantic Conference met in Newark, New Jersey, from May 14 to 16. The three Newark churches were our hosts, as they also had been to the Atlantic Conference which held its sessions from May 12 to 15. Besides a fine group of young

people, there were present at our opening service a number of delegates and visitors of the Atlantic Conference. Mr. Reuben Blessing, our president, presided. An enthusiastic song service was led by Mr. Herman Zachay of the Second Church of Philadelphia. The message of the evening was brought by the Rev. Theodore Koester of Meriden, Conn. His theme, "Build Thee More Stately Mansions," struck a challenging and inspiring note for our conference and gave our conference theme, "Building With Christ," a very real meaning to us.

A short business session was held on Saturday afternoon, after which a group of young people from various churches participated in a panel discussion, the subject of which was "The Rich Young Ruler." After a very thorough and instructive discussion of the topic by those participating, the discussion was opened to the audience and a number of helpful thoughts were added. On Saturday evening we met in the restaurant of a department store in Newark for our banquet. This was a very festive occasion at which we had the pleasure of hearing from Professor A. Bretschneider, Mr. H. P. Donner and Rev. M. L. Leuschner, who were visitors among us. Mr. William Schmidt of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, led us in our singing. Dr. M. Twomey, the speaker of the evening, challenged us with his address which came to us in the form of the question, "Will You Make a New World?"

The climax of our conference was reached at our mass meeting on Sunday afternoon. There were 630 persons present who joined heartily in a song service led by Mr. Reuben Windisch of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia. After our annual roll call, to which the various societies re-

sponded with a song or verse, and an installation service for the new officers was conducted by the Rev. John P. Kuehl of the Walnut Street Church of Newark, the concluding message of the conference were brought by our general secretary, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner. His topic, "The Master Builder," gave us a new insight into the familiar verse in 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

May the inspiration which we as young people of the Atlantic Conference received from this conference help us in the days to come to be better builders with Christ!

ANNA L. DRAEGER, Secretary.

Central Conference The Recent Young People's Institute at Detroit

The annual institute of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of Detroit was held at the Burns Avenue Baptist Church from May 17 to 21. The Rev. Robert Lee Payne of Kentucky taught a class in the study of typology. He discussed, first, Isaac as a type of Christ; second, the Ark as a type of Christ; third, Boaz as a type of Christ; and on the Thursday evening of our institute Mr. Payne's topic was "God's Great Plan from Beginning to End." The Rev. William Hoover of the Connors Avenue Baptist Church taught the German class which was well attended by the older people. His topic was "Prayer," and all those who attended enjoyed the discussions and addresses very much.

The inspirational speaker of our institute was the Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Michigan. The general topic of his addresses was "The Challenging Challenge." The first subject was "The Challenge of a Personality"—Jesus Christ; secondly, "The Challenge of a Book"—the Bible; third, "The Challenge of an Event"—the crucifixion; fourth, "The Challenge of an Institution"—the church.

On Friday night of the institute a banquet was held in the Bethel Baptist Church. The message which Mr. Broeker gave us at the banquet climaxed our institute. The subject was "The Challenge of the Unfinished Task." Mr. Broeker used the verse found in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

The newly elected officers of the Detroit Y. P. and S. S. W. Union were installed at the banquet with Dr. G. H. Enns of the Ebenezer Baptist Church officiating. The new officers are as follows: president, Norman Boehm; first vice-president, Roland Ernst; second vice-president, Gus Majeske; secretary, Helen Kliese, and treasurer, Donald Zannoth.

ANN LEYPOLDT, Secretary.

The Draewell Family Reunion

On April 1, 1914 the Rev. J. G. Draewell began his work as pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit. His wife and seven children comprised a family of nine at that time. They remained in Detroit almost twelve years while Mr. Draewell ministered with earnestness and zeal to the Ebenezer Church.

On May 30, 1937, the Draewell family held a reunion which began in the Ebenezer Church and lasted for several days at the various homes of the children in Detroit, Toledo, and Ypsilanti. Like the families of the patriarchs of old, the Draewell family also increased in numbers, in well-being, and in the respect of their fellow-Christians and of their business and professional associates. This family of nine has grown to comprise 7 separate families with an aggregate membership of 24, including not only the original 7 children but 9 grandchildren.

The history of the Draewell family has run true to that of other outstanding ministers' families in past years. In spite of limited assets and opportunities, ministers' families have distinguished themselves in business and professional fields. The Draewell family today includes two certified public accountants, three teachers, one factory superintendent and two business men. While the housewives' duties in the home and with their children did not permit professional careers, several are musicians and one of them is organist of the Second Church of Philadelphia. One of the sons is also superintendent of the Adult Department of the Ebenezer Sunday School.

The Draewell family was heartily welcomed on May 30 at the Ebenezer Church, where Brother Draewell delivered a very earnest sermon on "Making Christ Preeminent in Our Lives," at the close of which he and Mrs. Draewell were presented with a bouquet of forty-one American Beauty roses, in recognition of his ordination forty-one years ago and of the forty-first anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Draewell.

The entire Draewell family have made large places for themselves in the hearts, not only of the members of the Ebenezer Church, but also in the hearts of many others throughout our denomination, particularly in the churches which Mr. Draewell has served during the past 41 years, which include Ebenezer Church at Detroit, Second Church at Philadelphia, and the churches at Elgin, Iowa, Baileyville, Illinois, Concordia, Missouri, and Marion, Kansas.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed the Draewell family and their work, and it is the sincere hope of their friends that they will enjoy many more years of health and opportunities for quiet service and many more family reunions.

E. ELMER STAUB, Reporter.

Reception for the Rev. L. Gittings at the Ogden Park Church of Chicago

A reception for the Rev. Leonard Gittings, the newly called pastor of the Englewood Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., was recently held at the church with a large number of members and friends present.

The program was in charge of the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, the former pastor and now superintendent of our Old People's Home of Chicago, who extended a hearty welcome to the new minister. Pastors from our neighboring churches extended words of welcome.

From our own church greeting Mr. and Mrs. Gittings, who have served us for the past five months, were Mr. Joseph Frish, chairman of the deacons, Mrs. Charlotte Lengefeld, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, Mr. Harold Reuter, president of the young people's society, Miss Margaret Frish, president of the World Wide Guild, Mr. Otto Horn, superintendent of the Sunday School, with one of the youngest scholars who recited her greetings and presented Mrs. Gittings with a basket of flowers, and Mr. Richard Foster, direc-

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tor of the choir, which furnished a selection for the program. Miss Olga Justin recited "Wanted, a Minister's Wife."

Then, in brief, Mr. and Mrs. Gittings expressed their appreciation to the church. They were missionaries in the Belgian Congo of Africa for ten years.

Under their leadership and with God's blessing we are expecting great things. In the future our church will be known as the Ogden Park Church, as we now have English services entirely. OLGA M. JUSTIN, Reporter.

The Annual Meeting and Rally Program of the Sunday School Workers' Union of Chicago

The Sunday School Workers' Union of Chicago and vicinity held its forty-fifth annual meeting on Thursday evening, May 6, at the First Church of Chicago. The delegates came together for supper after which they attended to business matters with election of officers for the ensuing year. The re-elected officers are as follows: Mr. Herman Siemund, president; Mr. Fred Grosser, vice-president; Mrs. Olga Engbrecht, treasurer; Mrs. Irene Lange, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Olga M. Justin, recording secretary.

Our president, Mr. Siemund, had charge of the program that followed. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were given and \$40 was designated for various missions. Each Sunday School gave a brief and encouraging report of its work for the past year. The music was furnished by the Humboldt Park mixed quartet, the Christian Fellowship Chorus of the First Church, and a vocal solo by Mrs. C. B. Nordland.

The guest speaker, the Rev. Stanley Johnson, pastor of the Bellwood Mission, brought a very inspiring address on "The Master Teacher." The Lord Jesus, the Master Teacher, used four methods in teaching. He was purposeful, practical, positive and prayerful. So we, in order to be successful teachers, must have spiritual guidance.

On Sunday afternoon, May 26, the Sunday Schools of Chicago and vicinity gathered at the First Church for their annual Rally Day. The song service was led by Mr. Fred Grosser of Oak Park. Mr. R. Shiner, superintendent of the Bellwood Mission, read the Scripture lesson and Rev. F. L. Hahn led in prayer. A medley of songs based on the theme, "The Cross," was played on the organ by Mr. Arthur Pankratz and as each song was recognized it was sung. We had the pleasure of hearing the Children's Chorus of Oak Park, the Christian Fellowship Male Chorus of the First Church and an electric guitar duet from the Immanuel Church.

The Rev. John A. Mueller of the Immanuel Church spoke on "Little Things That Please Jesus." Jesus can make use of little things which we have and make them great if we are faithful.

The inspiring afternoon was brought

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OLGA M. JUSTIN, Recording Secretary.

OBITUARY

MISS EDNA FRANKE

Edna Franke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Franke, passed away at the St. Alexis Hospital at Bismarck, North Dakota, on Tuesday, May 25, 1937, after a very short illness.

Edna was born at Turtle Lake on April 21, 1921. She was converted when she was eleven years old and was baptized by the Reverend K. Gieser in July, 1932. She was a very devoted Christian worker, always doing some deed for her Lord and Master. At the time of her death she was the secretary of the B. Y. P. U. in the Baptist Church at Turtle Lake, North Dakota. She was a blessing to all, young and old alike, and she left a place that can never be filled.

The large attendance and the many floral tributes at the funeral showed the esteem in which she was held. The funeral services were held at Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Rev. K. Gieser.

Daily Bible Readings

Based on the International Sunday School Lessons

Saturday, July 3

A Prayer of Trust
Read Psalm 3:1-8

Sunday, July 4

The Lord Delivers
Read Psalm 107:1-9

Monday, July 5

God Saves a Life
Read Exodus 2:1-10

Tuesday, July 6

God Provides a Leader
Read Exodus 3:1-12

Wednesday, July 7

Accepting the Task
Read Hebrews 11:23-27

Thursday, July 8

God Calls Joshua
Read Joshua 1:1-9

Friday, July 9

God Calls Gideon
Read Judges 6:11-18

Saturday, July 10

God Calls Paul
Read Acts 9:10-19

Sunday, July 11

"The Reign of the Righteous King"

Read Psalm 72:1-17

Monday, July 12

The Call of Moses
Read Exodus 3:13-17

Tuesday, July 13

Moses Encouraged
Read Exodus 4:1-9

Wednesday, July 14

The Promise of God's Help
Read Exodus 10:10-17

Thursday, July 15

The Promise of God's Presence
Read Acts 18:5-11

Friday, July 16

The Promise of Victory
Read John 16:25-33

Saturday, July 17

Fearless Trust in God
Read Psalm 27:7-14

Sunday, July 18

The Abiding Presence
Read Matthew 28:16-20

Monday, July 19

God Preserves a People
Read Exodus 12:21-28

A Prayer

"Oh, for a man to rise in me
That the man that I am
May cease to be."
—Alfred Lord Tennyson.