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The Rev. J. R. Lentz, minister of the German Baptist Church at Creston, Neb., delivered the baccalaureate address for the Creston High School on Sunday evening, in a service in the Presbyterian Church. He spoke on the topic, "In Christ, a Baptist Church in Stafford, Kansas, received 4 persons into the fellowship of the church, 5 of whom had been baptized on May 16. The Father's Day banquet was held on Sunday evening, May 24, with about 65 men and boys present. The main speaker was the pastor, and the Rev. M. H. Groves of the Morgan Church at Biddeford, as guest-speaker. Mr. Weissner was the baccalaureate speaker at the Stafford High School on Sunday evening, May 23.

The R. Y. P. U. of the Pisgah Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held its annual election of officers on Saturday evening, May 22, with the following results: George Stoppin, president; Alfred McCough, vice-president; Anita Zimmerman, secretary; Edward Gospel, treasurer; and Donald Blasier, pianist. The Rev. Robert Scholz is minister of the church.

On Sunday, June 5, the Rev. E. Basler, minister of the First Baptist Church of Employer, Ontario, Canada, baptized 2 persons, of whom were granddaughters of the pastor. The Sunday school at Stafford held its 25th anniversary at the happy Sunday evening service was attended by 112 persons.

A study course has recently been completed by the Baptist missionary, D. W. Getz, Oklahoama, with 5 young people taking the course. The textbook used was Level's "Baptist Learning Program." It is the purpose of the study course to have each student complete the study course and pass an examination on the course, was taught by the Rev. J. G. Hoffmeier, minister of the church.

A silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Knepp of Ingover, Okla., was celebrated at a Get together banquet on Sunday, May 15. The Rev. D. M. Bertsch was in charge of the program. Mr. and Mrs. Knepp were presented with a dinner set. It was also the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. A. Knepp to the gospel ministry.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., held its anniversary program on Wednesday evening, May 26, when Mrs. Susan Goodwin, president, gave an account of the program, of which the feature was the play, "To the Least of These." The pastor of the church, the Rev. E. A. Knepp, presented the baccalaureate address for the Loyal High School on Sunday evening, May 16, preaching on "The Garden of Life."

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Emmanuel Church near Dilworth, Kansas, from May 17 to 28. Two classes were conducted for Primary and Junior children with Helen Kittinger and Elmer Zentz serving as counselors for these classes. The pastor of the church, the Rev. John Broder, had charge of the worship services. The camp out was held on Sunday evening May 30. The school had an enrollment of 23 pupils.

On Sunday, May 9, the B. Y. P. U. of St. Joseph, a mission station of Missions, Manitoba, Canada, rendered an inspiring Mother's Day program. Readings with tributes to Mother were given by the Misses R. J. Steger, John Zilliker and Richard Edel. The Men's Esther and Rhoda Galton sang songs, the Rev. E. M. Michel, the minister, spoke on the text Luke 2:44, 42. The offering amounted to $30.00.

The Rev. E. Basler, pastor of the German Baptist Church of Tylndal, Kansas, preached the baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium of Tylndal on Sunday evening, May 17. His daughter, Lillian, a member of this year's graduating class, received the William Pfeiffer award. The program was presented on the basis of scholarship, extracurricular activities and general citizenship. Miss Lillian Broedel and Evelyn Voigt, both members of the school, were honored students of the school.

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Dr. Herbert Gezork and Miss Ellen Michalik of Charlotteburg, 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. Kryzio, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Lienklehler served as attendants. Dr. and Mrs. Gezork will live in Greenview, 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!

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A Stirring Article Interpreting the General Conference Hymn

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Cleveland Ohio

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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, 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 fluid. 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 the soul. That explains the hymn's fascinating appeal for all Christians. The message of its heroic faith and trust has passed through the world of suffering in the innermost depths of the human soul, and therefor the hymn appeals to all who have witnessed 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 German 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 to Luther 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 battle more bloody 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. He 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 continual depression and spiritual anguish. Indeed, he wrote to his friend Martin Bucer, "I have been tossed about for more than a week in the agenies 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 University 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 visited the little Hans, now over a year old, fell desperately ill and for eleven days could neither eat nor drink. Martin himself, weak and wearied, 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 life.

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 how in the hour of battle his people were safe before 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 happenings in the world, but God was his protection even against him. Out of this hour of stress and soul agony came the triumphant:

"A mighty fortress is our God, a buckler never failing. Our helper he amid the flood. Of mortal ills prevailing, for still our ancient foe. Dost seek to work us woe? His craft and wiles are great. And armed with feeling he is near. On earth is not his equal."

Martin Luther also wrote the musical form while ministering to his dear wife and little Hans who were both ill with the plague. The tune forms the central theme of the opus "The Huguenots." Mendelssohn used it in his "Reformation Symphony," Wagner in his "Kaiser March" and Bach in one of his sacred cantatas.

This "Hymn of the Reformation" is characterized by students of hymnology as the most influential hymn of Christendom. It has not only influenced the literature, but also our 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 nations decided to the decisive battle of the war. Gustav Adolph, the heroic Protestant King of Sweden, had affiliated himself with the German cause and faced the undefeated Catholic general, Wallenstein, at Leipzig, and later at Lutzen 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 battle-cry. But what did that matter? Wallenstein and the Catholic forces were definitely 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, But God is the life eternal. 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 He hath willed His truth to triumph through us."

The General Conference Hymn

Let us follow their example at Portland, Oregon. Besides of deficiency and weakness, 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 the beginning of our lives. The strain and worry of that period have left their mark upon us. But, thank God! we have come through victorious, and we trust that our anxiety and doubt, the strain and worry of that period have left their mark upon us. But, thank God! we have come through victorious, and we trust that our anxiety and doubt.

We shall listen with eager anticipation to Dr. Kuhn singing "The State of our Remon- tion," 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, ours the battle without God on our side."

"We were not the right man on our side, The cause we could not win."

"Did ask, who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he; Laid down his life for me, From age to age the same, And he must win the battle."

Yes, it is true and it will always be true that "Our 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.: Opening Service. Address of Welcome—5 minutes.
Conference President, William Kohn, D.D.
AFTERNOON SESSION
2:00-4:00 P.M.: Continuation of the Session of the Missionary Society.

Tuesday, August 10
9:00-10:00 A.M.: Organization.
11:30-12:30 P.M.: Quiet Half Hour (English), “In the Beginning God,” John Leypoldt.
AFTERNOON SESSION
2:00-5:00 P.M.: Continental Session of the Special Conference for Benevolent Institutions.
3:00-4:00 P.M.: Report of the Special Conference for Benevolent Institutions.

Wednesday, August 11
9:00-10:00 A.M.: Business Session of the Conference.
10:00-11:00 A.M.: Business Matters Pertaining to the General Missionary Society.
11:30-12:30 P.M.: Memorial Service to be conducted by W. S. Argue.
12:00-12:30 P.M.: Quiet Half Hour (German), “Warum kõnnen wir nichts?” 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 1 issue.

Wednesday, August 12
10:00-11:00 A.M.: Address of the General Conference Committee.
11:30-12:30 P.M.: Quiet Half Hour (English), “For the Father’s Kingdom,” Samuel Blum.

Thursday, August 13
9:00-10:00 A.M.: Address of the General Conference Committee.
11:30-12:30 P.M.: Session of Officers and Conference Committees.

Friday, August 14

Saturday, August 15
11:30-12:30 P.M.: Session of Officers and Conference Committees.

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Hotel Heathman in Portland, Oregon, Official Headquarters of the General Conference

Hotel and Lodging Accommodations

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 this conference.

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 is 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 finest and most luxurious hotels in Portland. The atmosphere of luxury and comfort pervades the beauty of the lobby, and the large pipe organ furnishes music during lunch hour and dinner hours. A quiet and restful atmosphere prevails and we heartily recommend that the delegates and visitors centralize at this hotel.

Single room without bath... $1.75
Double room without bath... $2.50
Four in one room (two double beds without bath)... $3.00
With shower bath...
Single room... $2.25
Double room... $3.50

ROOSEVELT HOTEL
(One, two, or three rooms)

Single rooms... $1.25
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Room service...

Y. W. C. A.
(Five minutes walk from Conference Hall)

Small single rooms 60 cts. per night
Single rooms 75 cts. per night

AFTERNOON

Pleasant negotiations are under the sponsorship of the General Missionary Society of the Conference.

The National Missionary Society’s Women’s Missionary societies present their program, the details of which will be announced later.

Venues vary, please check the program for the specific location.

Informations Booth

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

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 must have been reached by the Demo-
SYNOPSIS

The little town of Mayville was deeply stirred by the message of an anonymous letter, purported to contain God's truths. The three Wilkis' brothers were also in the service. Gardner, the youngest, gave signs of being the most settled and healthiest, though present at the services, was more interested in his jazz band that he was organizing. Even the action of his friend Erwin, in making the 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 see for something to eat and for a pleasant chat. It was an awful shock, however, when the recognition of 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 library reading and trying to read. For some time he had stood watch, but now Clyde could see him. He hoped Clyde would not see him and yet he did not want to be angry. Jean walked quietly, wondering with his disappointment, yet not knowing its cause.

Before leaving Gardner stopped at the entrance of the orchestra.

"I'm more than pleased with the band as it is," he remarked to the leader of the orchestra.

The door opened abruptly and the other players—players all high school boys from Mayville—came in and stood around him as Gardner once played for the Sunday School.

"Tell you what," he said, "I can feel your question about my sincere interest, The Syncopators are in name and standards, love for the family, reputation, that had driven do this. He was not prepared for the outcome of the struggle into which he had plunged himself. "We must well settle the question once for all, he declared grimly.

"What?" Clyde was coldly defiant. The spirit of success had given him contempt for the man who dared cross him tonight!

Clyde stiffered. "I supposed you'd go out some night. What are you going to do about it?" he said controlling his voice.

"I wish I could have another accident. Something to look forward to."

"Oh, you could have Dr. Holmberg. He's good, isn't he?" she interrupted playfully.

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Gardner knew well what Mr. Howard would think.  

Mr. Howard concluded: "I can see my father having these experiences and my father having the same experiences as a young man and then having no doubt of the verity of them now."

"I think I can see more and more of your father's writings in matters pertaining to the Christian life."

"There's few secrets to the secret of the deep things of God like that. He walked gladly with God, and that's the price a man has to pay if he wants to attand spiritual giants."

"I can see you, twenty years from now, as noble and as spiritual as my father."

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

At the Grims' office he found Mr. Grims busy at the typewriter. "Well," Mr. Grims said with respect, "they're trying to bring a little more local news into the magazine and bringing down the cigarette advertising."

"I was at the fair over the holidays. I'll write a letter to you after you come back."

"My letter will be brief today. It's S. E. K. U. tomorrow afternoon."

Meet me, Gurdie Dear, at the Shell Station. I have some perfectly wonderful news for you which I wish to see you about and bring you some words of encouragement from my heart.

"Your own,

Lela"

"Your own Lela!"

"How's she had her letter. Well, why? He was in a family meeting with her, but told her to send it over there to her."

"This letter meant a lot to me. It was a love letter."

"He wondered. One thing here he must be praised with— and why?— because his handwriting."

"I. It was not in your favor."

"If a man had a letter like that, he would be so simple enough; he would bring my letter over to the Shell Station."

"He was in a timely manner."

"We had something to tell her about."

"And I'm sure that we could do something about it."

"Mr. Grims was considered the best man in the church."

"He has established his work in their Fair."
Events from the Field
Northern Conference
Alberta Association and Tri Union Conference at the Wisconsin Union Church from July 21 to 25
Theme: "Ecclesiostudies Christiendum."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21
3:30 P.M.: Opening Service
Special Music by the Wisconsin Union Choir
Greetings by the Local Pastor, Rev. Fred. W. Banks, Response by the Visiting Presbytery, Rev. G. W. Rutsch
Sermon by Rev. A. Kramer of Eton, Minnesota

THURSDAY, JULY 22
9:30 A.M.: Devotions led by Rev. H. Schatz
Message by Mr. R. Kor, Student,
11:45-12 A.M.: Message by Rev. A. C. Litsch, "At the Feet of Jesus" (Simultaneously a Children’s Service will be held and the leadership of the Misses Friends J. Weissen and Linda Ruthe]
2:00 P.M.: Closing Cain Meeting. Music by Brass Band. Installation of New Officers
Closing Sermon by Prof. Frank Weyke.

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 Eleezer Church of Los Angeles and the First Church of Los Angeles to have a Tri Union Conference. This year we met on Friday evening May 21, at the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California.

The serving of a delicious dinner, hymns and choirs were sung. Afterwards the male quartet of the Los Angeles Institute of Los Angeles, known as "the Ambassadors," rendered an interesting program. The quartet consisted of Roy and Kraft, Itland Frieue, and Mrs. Whitwell as advisor. The testi mony of the young men in. testimonies and songs showed us how God can use the lives of young people for his service. However, one lone woman for his service, and Mrs. Whitwell brought along a quartet for "Separation." He stressed the fact that we are to live a real Christian life, we must be separate from the world.

May the challenge presented to us now by young people on this male world be more willing to live wholly for him who gave his life for us!—Erica Schwatke, Reporter.

Eastern Conference
Recognition Service of the Rev. D. Hamel’s Ministry in Delaware
The Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rehoboth Beach, New York, devoted the Sunday morning service June 6 to a public recognition of the 14 years of service of the Rev. D. Hamel. Professor L. Kaiser, who gave the address, said, "He is a true man of words, of welcome to him 14 years previous, when Dr. Whitwell brought a message on "Separation." He began his pastorate in the church. The church has a high esteem in which he and the congregation hold him. The best held and, he was able to say at the end of the four years that the pastor fully met their expectations and that this endeavor had not diminished but rather enlarged and given close contact of the interpreting nurses.

The Rev. David Hamel, assisted by his faithful wife and salary wife and his devoted children, served the Master as a pastor in this church given with a loyalty and a devotion that cannot be sufficiently highly praised. It was with regret his resignation occurred principally by the fact that the physician strongly urged the necessity of taking it a bit easier for a while in the position of that. In Mr. Hamel had long determined to step down. His age, and the appreciation of his long years of faithful service, the Master had given in various cases. We are grateful to be with this excellent one for his presence in our services and for bringing visitors and new people. This resulted in a great interest and consideration of the institute.

The officers for the next year are as follows: Rev. Roy Kent; vice-president, Rev. Cha; secretary, Esther Scheiber; treasurer, Vida Kooper, Miss Burt; president, Mr. H. Schatz; vice-president, Mr. H. Schatz.

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 21 to 30 at Shattuck.

The closing meeting was held on the last day of the conference, with a program of devotional and literary exercises.

The German Baptists of Oklahoma were 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. Rittger very capably handled them with their new responsibilities. Mr. Leuchtenberg was the closing address, and we left very much pleased and made better friends, a better Christian life.

Miss Esther Wagner, Secretary, reported.

The Students and the Teachers of the Vacation Bible School in Ellinwood, Kansas
A Fine Vacation Bible School at Ellinwood, Kansas.

On Saturday morning the Vacation Bible School was begun in Ellinwood, Kansas, with about 28 pupils present on the first morning. To create a greater interest we announced several prizes to the pupils. The Rev. Rittger, who is pastor of the church, gave the opening address, and for bringing visitors and new people.

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The Happy Hundred Group of the Clinton Hill Church in 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 at Mr. Henry Dalmann’s home 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 "Rise Book," the registry of the "Happy Hundred," declaring that, unless prevented by illness, they would be present at all midweek services at least until the close of the present fall term. During these weeks the attendance averaged well over 100 persons, and dropped only once beneath that mark. During this term 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 of its membership were present, and the midweek services were attended, thus extending the period through the spring months.

CHARLES W. KOLLEK, Pastor

Inspirational Young People’s Conference at Newark

The ninth annual conference of the Young People’s and Sunday School Workers’ Union of the Atlantic Conference was held in the City Auditorium on May 14 to 16.

The three Newark churches were hosts, as they also had been to the Atlantic Conference which holds its sessions from May 12 to 15. Besides a fine group of young Hill Church, Newark, New Jersey, there were present at our opening service a number of delegates and visitors of the Atlantic Conference. Mr. H. C. Buswell, our president, presented an enthusiastic song service which was led by Mr. Horace Schade of the Second Church of Philadelphia. The closing of the evening was brought by the Rev. Theodore Koster of_datetime. His theme, "Bless These More Stately Mansions," struck a challenging and inspiring note for our conference and gave us a 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 topics 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. Betschendorf, Dr. H. F. Gough, and Bro. Ed. Reuter, president of the Young People’s Union of the American Baptist Church. In the morning we held a service at the City Auditorium, and in the evening we went to the Rev. L. W. Reuter, pastor.

From our own church greeting Mr. and Mrs. Gittings, who have served us for these past years, were Mr. Joseph Prich, chairman of the deacons, Mr. Theodore Drizdell, chairman of the Ladies’ Aid Society, Mr. Harold Reuter, president of the young people’s society. Miss Ethel Brubaker, president of the World Wide Guild, Mr. Otto M. Schmidt, chairman of the Young People’s School, with one of the youngest members of the Drizdell family, received Mrs. Gittings with a basket of flowers, and Mr. Richard Foster, divider.
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 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 or 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 read 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 Bollwood 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 Bollwood 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 to a close by awarding the Christian flag to the Humboldt Park Sunday School for having a 100% attendance and the picture of the rich young ruler to the Cicero Sunday School for singing the best original song.

OLGA M. JUSTIN, Recording Secretary.

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I Will Guide Thee
This is the name of the new song written by E. Elmer Staub, to which a Windisch melody has been composed, and which has been previously announced.

It is attracting notice and surely many friends of these two popular men will want to see and sing the song.

This is what one writing about it has to say:

"Churches, Sunday Schools, and Young People's Societies would do well to buy this and paste it in the inside cover of their songbooks. It is popular with young and old, and has a really encouraging message, sung to a delightful melody."


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**OBITUARY**

**MISS EDNA FRANKE**

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

Edna was at Turtle Lake on April 21, 1931. She was converted when she was sixteen years old and was baptized by Rev. J. H. Gieser in July. She worked for a very devoted Christian Lord and Master. At the time of her death she was the secretary for her Father's Church, the Baptist Church at Turtle Lake, North Dakota, in which she was a member. She was a devoted Christian lady, leaving a large estate.

The funeral was held at Turtle Lake in the Baptist Church at Turtle Lake, North Dakota. She was buried with full Christian honors. The remains were brought to Chicago for burial in the family plot.

Rev. K. Gieser.