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for entrance into the Kingdom of God as the spirit and attitude of a child. "Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein." His sharpest words were reserved for those who might be "a stumbling block" to little children.

Children's Day should be much more to us than a festival set aside for the little ones of the church. It should be a dramatic portrayal of what we ought to be if we would see the glory of the Kingdom of God. In the Children's Day program a panorama of boys and girls will pass before your eyes. Observe them closely. Draw them closely to your heart of love. What a complete trust is theirs in someone they love! How naively and beautifully they believe in others, in spite of disconcerting things they hear! With what joyous abandonment do they follow a leader! How open minded they are to all that they see and hear! It would mean "a little revolution" in some of our lives, indeed, if we were to turn from the hardness of spirit, the sophistication, and the tired indifference of our lives again to the spirit of the child!

Not only on Children's Sunday but throughout the year the child should be central in the picture of life. It has been pointed out aright that this is largely an adult world in which we live. Houses with their windows and furniture are made almost exclusively for adults. Even the church as an organization is largely based on adult activities. A great many more churches expect the Sunday School to support the church

with financial means than is true of churches that contribute towards the work of the Sunday School. Everything possible is often done for the comfort and joy of adult worshippers in the church building before one is really concerned about the children in the basement or in some dingy side-room. The church ought to be so deeply and prayerfully conscious of its children in the Sunday School that the child becomes the center of its attention and the object of all its earnest endeavors.

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Make a great deal more of Children's Day than mere attendance at the usual program. Hear its message of challenging truth and feel its touch of divine grace upon your life. Children symbolize some of God's greatest truths to mankind. The child's spirit must be ours, if we would receive his gift of grace. Its welfare must be central in our concern. Its future must be seen with mighty possibilities. "For of such is the Kingdom of God."

"Well may the church keep Children's Day,
And thus draw near the skies,
For in the children's shining hearts
The light of heaven lies."

"No Longer Lonely"

This stirring and inspiring story about one of the most beloved hymns of the Christian Church, which is included in this year's Children's Day program for use in our churches, was written by the author and composer of that hymn expressly for this issue and appears for the first time in any publication as a copyright feature of "The Baptist Herald." It will later be published as a chapter in a book by the author.

By MR. ROBERT HARKNESS of Pasadena, California

THE weary stretch of Australian bush seemed to be interminable. The giant eucalyptus appeared in clumps here and there. Then came great spaces of level land covered with burnt grass. We crossed an occasional dry creek bed. Now and then a few rabbits scurried to cover. Overhead the parrots and parrakeets chattered in the tree tops. The lone telegraph wire, hanging perilously close to the ground gave a welcome resting place for groups of "kooka buras." We were regaled at intervals with the mock laughter of these birds—locally known as "the laughing jackass." It was summertime and the relentless rays



Mr. Robert Harkness

of the sun beat down unmercifully. To add to our discomfort we were traveling in an old tip-dray, springless and rough. A board was set across the vehicle as a seat. Across crude bush tracks we rode. The old draught horse seldom ran. His pace was set and the bush pioneer who drove made no effort at speed.

A Lonely Journey

Hour after hour we traveled toward what seemed to me to be a very indefinite destination. There was no sign of human habitation or human life for many miles. Finally, as the sun neared the horizon, we sighted a distant low building. It seemed like a mirage. Time and again we had been deceived by such an apparition. But this was certainly the real thing. It was a building. We came nearer and at last we found our-

selves beside a little hall, many miles from the nearest village and still farther from the nearest railroad station.

The journey was nearly completed. "Drive over the rising ground to the sheep station," said the faithful pastor, "and you will be guest there over night." The old horse seemed to sense finality in the order, for he started out with unaccustomed movement. We drove into the yard and later found a most comfortable home in which to rest over night.

The sheep station was very extensive. It covered many miles of territory. Thousands of sheep occupied the land. The home was perfect in its appointment. Looking out of the bedroom window across the leagues of broad acres there came a feeling of loneliness. It suggested isolation. We seemed to be cut off from the outside world. And yet we realized there must be a purpose in this visit for we had come to present the gospel in music, song and story to the brave pioneers of the district.

The Empty Chair

As we entered the dining room for the evening meal we noticed the beautiful oak paneling. On one side there were several chairs upholstered in royal red morocco. Around one of these chairs—with arms—was fastened a crimson cord. My gaze was centered on the crimson cord when the hostess with her husband entered the room. "You are looking at the crimson cord," she remarked as we sat at the table. "Yes," I replied, "I was wondering what it meant." She was silent for a few moments. "That was my son's chair," she explained, "and I have put the cord around it so that no one can use it." Again followed a period of silence.

It was evident further explanation would be forthcoming. "He was a fine Christian boy; a student at the Melbourne University preparing to become a medical missionary." Her voice faltered somewhat as she continued. "He went away to the World War, but never returned. I get very lonesome and long for a sight of my boy. Sometimes I walk over to the window and look down the brick pathway as I try to visualize him walking along and singing or whistling the hymns and gospel songs." A look of keen dis-

tress came over her face. What could be said at such a time as a word of comfort? Then there came to mind a verse of Scripture in 1 Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care on him for he careth for you." The verse was repeated. "Let me write that verse down," she said as we quoted it once more.

A Scripture Promise

We had our evening program in the little country hall. Broken windows and crude oil lamps failed to dim the enthusiasm of the people. It was an evening of triumph. My hostess sat with her husband and took a real interest in the program. We returned to the home on the sheep station. As we entered the dining room next morning for breakfast the hostess and her husband entered. She was smiling. No trace remained of the sadness of the preceding evening. "Well," we said, "you look happy this morning." Again she smiled. "Yes," she replied, "that text of Scripture settled matters for me. And, what is more, I am no longer

lonely." **No longer lonely!** What a title for a song. And what a story for inspiration. "That phrase suggests a song," I suggested as we were about to sit at the table. "Why not let us write the song before we eat?" The idea was well received.

In the large drawing room we sat at the piano and soon the strains of a melody with unusual harmony were heard. Then came the verses—dictated to the hostess as she rapidly wrote them. In the second verse we summed up her experience—

"I shall not be lonely in my sorrow,
He will sustain me until the end;
Darkest night He turns to brightest morrow,
No longer lonely; He is my Friend."

In a very short space of time the hymn was completed. The chorus was sung. The melody jotted down and a song message was born which has since found its way literally around the world.

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Mr. Robert Harkness, the Christian Musician

FOR over thirty years Mr. Robert Harkness, the author and composer of the hymn, "No Longer Lonely," has been active in the work of sacred music. He has traveled far and wide, presenting his famous recitals in many lands. Throughout Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, and the Far East he has presented the gospel theme in music, song and story. In every state of the United States, as well as across Canada, he has thrilled audiences.

Mr. Harkness is the composer of more than two thousand hymns and gospel songs. Through his songs, including "Shadows," "No Longer Lonely," "Why Should He Love Me So?" and hundreds of other hymns, he has become a world-wide figure in sacred music. His songs have been translated into more than thirty languages.

In addition, he has composed many anthems and piano numbers. He is the composer and director of a Home Study Correspondence Course in Evangelistic Piano Playing. He is the author of a popular biography of the late R. A. Torrey, with whom he circled the world in campaigns.

His record of six complete round-the-world tours in the work of sacred music has given him an international standing of note. His specialty is piano accompaniment.

A contributor to the "Sunday School Times" has written the following description of the brilliant work of Robert Harkness as accompanist and pianist:

"A hymn is announced and the number has scarcely left the song-leader's lips, when the alert figure at the grand piano springs into action.

'Springs' is the word suitable to the occasion. Every fiber of the accompanist's being seems suddenly to be galvanized into energetic and expressive action. Then there pours forth from the strings of the magnificent instrument a volume of sound such as one can scarcely believe to be produced by one pair of musical hands. And what music it is!"

Regarding the Australian musician a Los Angeles pastor has written:

"We write not of Robert Harkness, the musician. The whole world knows the story of this man's power to melt, with song, the hearts of men. He has written some of the sweetest, tenderest, most beautiful sentiments that have ever been set to music, and he has, in truth, written, in matchless fashion, the music itself as sweet and tender and beautiful as the sentiments of the song. Robert Harkness has played his spirit into the souls of men around the world more than once.

"He is a matchless master of the keyboard. He makes the instrument a willing slave that does his bidding. And so the keys tell for him the story ever blessed, ever inspirational and attractive, ever inviting and exalting. Such is Robert Harkness, the writer of song. Such is Robert Harkness, the composer of melodies that melt in men's hearts. Such is Robert Harkness, the musician, giving to others the message of his own soul through the beautiful tones of the piano.

"But . . . Robert Harkness lives a greater sermon among those who know him intimately, than ever he has written into verse or set to the music."

General Conference News

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FEATURES of the General Conference at Portland, Oregon, August 9 to 15

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

12:30 P. M.: Get-Acquainted Luncheon with Informal Program and Singing.

2:00 P. M.: Goodwill Trip Through Beautiful Portland visiting parks and places of scenic and historical interest. (Tickets—50 cents.)

9:30 P. M.: Relaxation after the Evening Session—Trip by special street cars to Portland's "Council Crest," an inspiring high point of the West Side hills overlooking the city.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 A. M.: Sunrise Service in the Rose Bowl at Washington Park.

12:30 P. M.: Fellowship Luncheon for All Young People.

2:00 P. M.: Opening Session of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union in Downstairs Auditorium.

Historical Sketch—"75 Years of German Baptist History in 15 Minutes."

Address and Discussion—"Our Young People's Work as I see It," by Mr. M. L. Leuschner.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

2:00 P. M.: Second Session of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

"What's Before Us?" by Miss Lois Schroeder.

Address and Discussion—"The Effective Sunday School" by the Rev. Paul Wengel.

9:30 P. M.: Social Hour for Young People after the Evening Service.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00 A. M.: Sunrise Service at Mt. Tabor Park.

2:00 P. M.: Third Session and Business Meeting of Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

Address—"Our Heritage and Relation to the Denomination" by Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

Reports and Election of Officers.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.: Boat Trip up the Willamette and Columbia Rivers to the Bonneville Dam, paralleling the scenic Columbia River Highway in full view of waterfalls and mountains. (Tickets—\$1.50.)

6:30 P. M.: Young People's Banquet. Address by the Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Mich.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

2:30 P. M.: Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Rally with a marvelous program to be featured by an address by the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler of Newark, N. J.

IS YOUR MINISTER GOING?

The General Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, from August 9 to 15 promises to be one of the most inspirational of such conferences in our history. Some of our churches have already decided to send their pastors to the conference and have made preparations to pay all or part of their traveling expenses. It would be regrettable if any minister of our denomination would not be able to attend the sessions of the General Conference solely because of lack of funds.

Attendance at the General Conference will have innumerable blessings for every member and especially for every minister of our churches. The tired spirit will there receive new strength to view with clearer eyes a vision of our denominational enterprise and of the Kingdom of God. He will be enabled to step out of the small circle of his own local church into the larger field of the denomination, where his sense of attachment to the larger fellowship will be quickened.

No church will regret making it possible for its minister to go to Portland for the conference. For many of our pastors the experience will have a transforming effect, like that which came to Moses in ascending the mountain of God. His bright and shining countenance will reveal the many blessings which he has received when he returns to the valley of the daily routine in the local church.

Every church of the denomination is therefore urged to do what it can in providing in part or in entirety the traveling expenses of its minister to the General Conference in Portland.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
WILLIAM KUHN,
Executive Secretary.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES for the General Conference By Prof. O. E. Krueger, Moderator

The following sessional committees with their chairmen and members are to make a study of the needs, problems and plans for their respective assignments before the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, from August 9 to 15. All recommendations, constructive criticisms and suggestions from conferences, local churches and individuals affecting the several organizations of our denomination are to be referred to the chairmen of the respective committees. The reports of these organizations are to be sent a month in advance of the General Conference to the chairmen of these committees for study and deliberation. The final outcome will be a comprehensive and thor-

ough report concerning the work of each denominational organization to be given at a public session of the General Conference by the respective chairmen.

Committee for Pension

Rev. J. F. Olthoff, 925 No. Cottage St., Salem, Oregon.

Committee for Missions

Rev. Pieter Smit,
Lorraine, Kansas.

Committee for Publication Society

Rev. E. J. Baumgartner,
915 West North Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Committee for Orphanage and Lent Work

Prof. H. G. Dymmel,
246 Alexander St., Rochester, N. Y.

Committee for the Seminary

Rev. H. R. Schroeder, Chairman,
Josephine St., Madison, So. Dak.

Beside the City of Roses

CHRIST'S GARDEN

By Mr. Samuel Rich

June is "the Month of Roses" in Oregon. They thrive and flourish in perfection in this climate. In the city of Portland you will find them growing in thousands of dooryards. They are a beautiful sight and a pleasure to anyone who sees them. There is something about a rose that seems almost more enhancing than any other blossom.

I like to think of the Christian ministry as compared to a gardener working in his rose garden. Every one who has attempted to grow roses knows that in caring for them he encounters numerous thorns that prick at his body and tear at his clothing. Sometimes he almost despairs of his task of pruning, fertilizing and cultivating. Even the plants which he prizes most highly do not spare him. Often he causes him grief. However, the persistence, there is a day when the plant will bloom. The blossoms will be manyfold for the gardener. Even though the thorns irritate and at times, the plants themselves cause him grief, the blossoms are worth the trouble. You not only have the roses, but you have the joy of seeing them bloom.

The question is, how can we, as ministers, be like the gardener? We must be in the light of the Spirit, and we must be so that I may be in Christ's garden, a winning thing.

What's Happening News

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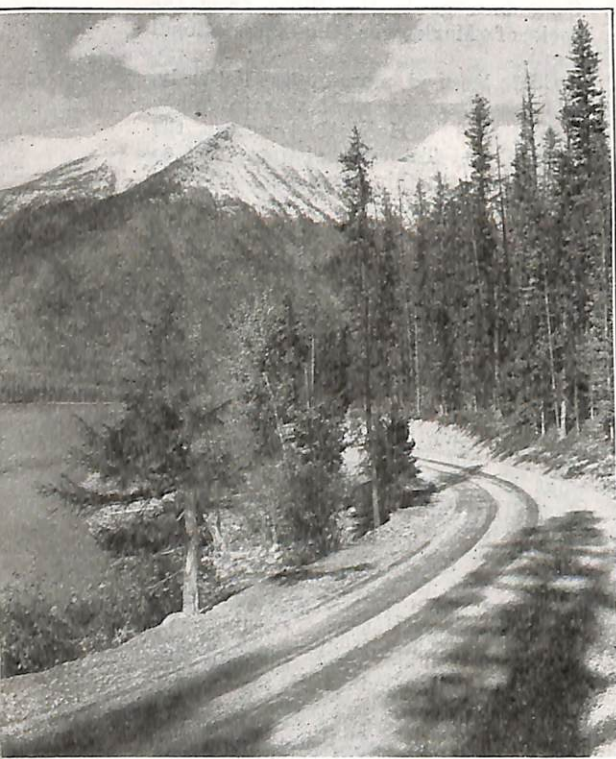
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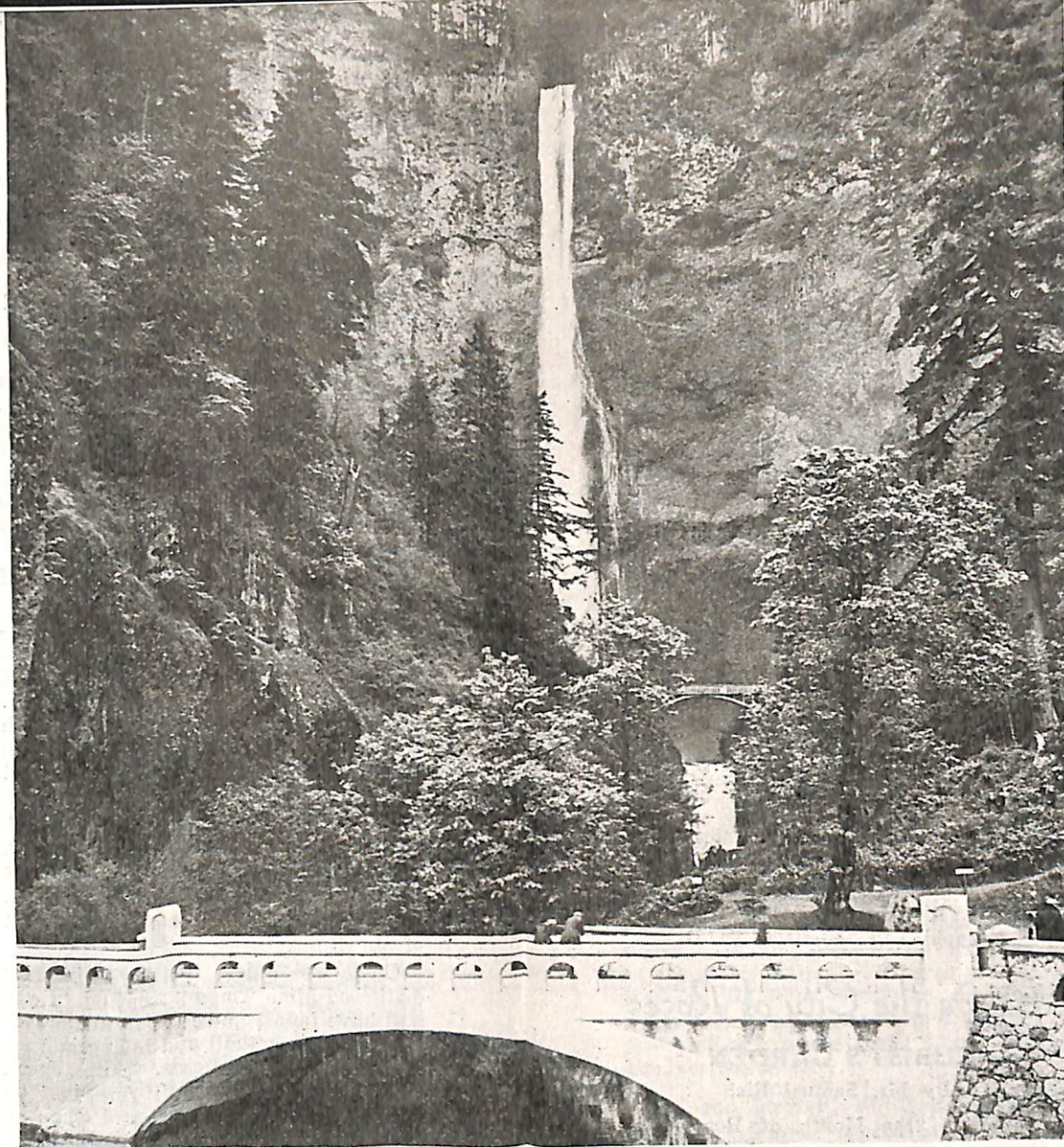
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Photo by Ruth Sponholz



The Superbly Beautiful Multnomah Falls
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Above, An Alluring Scene of
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General Conference News

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FEATURES of the General Conference at Portland, Oregon, August 9 to 15

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

12:30 P. M.: Get-Acquainted Luncheon with Informal Program and Singing.

2:00 P. M.: Goodwill Trip Through Beautiful Portland visiting parks and places of scenic and historical interest. (Tickets—50 cents.)

9:30 P. M.: Relaxation after the Evening Session—Trip by special street cars to Portland's "Council Crest," an inspiring high point of the West Side hills overlooking the city.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 A. M.: Sunrise Service in the Rose Bowl at Washington Park.

12:30 P. M.: Fellowship Luncheon for All Young People.

2:00 P. M.: Opening Session of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union in Downstairs Auditorium.

Historical Sketch—"75 Years of German Baptist History in 15 Minutes."

Address and Discussion—"Our Young People's Work as I see It," by Mr. M. L. Leuschner.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

2:00 P. M.: Second Session of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

"What's Before Us?" by Miss Lois Schroeder.

Address and Discussion—"The Effective Sunday School" by the Rev. Paul Wengel.

9:30 P. M.: Social Hour for Young People after the Evening Service.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00 A. M.: Sunrise Service at Mt. Tabor Park.

2:00 P. M.: Third Session and Business Meeting of Y. P. and S. S. W. Union.

Address—"Our Heritage and Relation to the Denomination" by Dr. Wm. Kuhn.

Reports and Election of Officers.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M.: Boat Trip up the Willamette and Columbia Rivers to the Bonneville Dam, paralleling the scenic Columbia River Highway in full view of waterfalls and mountains. (Tickets—\$1.50.)

6:30 P. M.: Young People's Banquet. Address by the Rev. L. H. Broecker of St. Joseph, Mich.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

2:30 P. M.: Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Rally with a marvelous program to be featured by an address by the Rev. Vincent Brushwyler of Newark, N. J.

IS YOUR MINISTER GOING?

The General Conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, from August 9 to 15 promises to be one of the most inspirational of such conferences in our history. Some of our churches have already decided to send their pastors to the conference and have made preparations to pay all or part of their traveling expenses. It would be regrettable if any minister of our denomination would not be able to attend the sessions of the General Conference solely because of lack of funds.

Attendance at the General Conference will have innumerable blessings for every member and especially for every minister of our churches. The tired spirit will there receive new strength to view with clearer eyes a vision of our denominational enterprise and of the Kingdom of God. He will be enabled to step out of the small circle of his own local church into the larger field of the denomination, where his sense of attachment to the larger fellowship will be quickened.

No church will regret making it possible for its minister to go to Portland for the conference. For many of our pastors the experience will have a transforming effect, like that which came to Moses in ascending the mountain of God. His bright and shining countenance will reveal the many blessings which he has received when he returns to the valley of the daily routine in the local church.

Every church of the denomination is therefore urged to do what it can in providing in part or in their entirety the traveling expenses of its minister to the General Conference in Portland.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL,
WILLIAM KUHN,
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SESSIONAL COMMITTEES for the General Conference By Prof. O. E. Krueger, Moderator

The following sessional committees with their chairmen and members are to make a study of the needs, problems and plans for their respective assignments before the General Conference in Portland, Oregon, from August 9 to 15. All recommendations, constructive criticisms and suggestions from conferences, local churches and individuals affecting the several organizations of our denomination are to be referred to the chairmen of the respective committees. The reports of these organizations are to be sent a month in advance of the General Conference to the chairmen of these committees for study and deliberation. The final outcome will be a comprehensive and thor-

ough report concerning the work of each denominational organization to be given at a public session of the General Conference by the respective chairmen.

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Beside the City of Roses

CHRIST'S GARDEN

By Mr. Samuel Rich

June is "the Month of Roses" in Oregon. They thrive and bloom in perfection in this climate. In the city of Portland you will find them blooming in thousands of dooryards. They are a beautiful sight and a pleasure to anyone who sees them. There is something about a rose that seems almost more enhancing than any other blossom.

I like to think of the Christian ministry as compared to a gardener working in his rose garden. Every one who has attempted to grow roses knows that in caring for them he encounters numerous thorns that prick at his body and tear at his clothing. Sometimes he almost despairs of his task of pruning, fertilizing and cultivating. Even the plants which he prizes most highly do not spare him and often cause him grief. However, if patience persists, there comes a day when the plant will bloom, and the beauty of the blossoms will repay the gardener manifold for his trials and trouble. Even though the old nature causes us to irritate and grieve our gardeners at times, we still may become gorgeous blossoms in Christ's garden. Would you not like to bloom for Christ?

The question that each must ask himself is, Am I absorbing the sunlight of the Christ, the moisture of his Spirit, and the food of his Word, so that I may become a beautiful bloom in Christ's garden? A rosebud is a winning thing. Are you a winner?

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The northern Alberta churches are conducting an aggressive radio ministry in the German language on the Sunday evenings in June from 6:30 to 7 P. M. over station CFRN of Edmonton. On June 6 the Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Stony Plain will speak over the radio. On June 13 and 27 the young men's class and the Rev. A. Kraemer of the German Baptist Church of Edmonton will have charge of the program. On June 20 the Rev. H. Schatz with young people from Leduc will conduct the service.

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The Rev. Gerhard Neumann, the aggressive and devoted young minister of the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon, has accepted the call extended to him by the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. He will begin his ministry on the new field on Sept. 1 after the sessions of the General Conference in Portland. Mr. Neumann is a graduate of the Western Seminary in Portland. His ministry of the past several years in the Salt Creek Church has been accompanied by many divine blessings and much success.

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Reports from the Field

Northern Conference

The Manitoba Association and Tri Union at Minitonas from June 10 to 13

The Manitoba Association and Tri Union will convene with the German Baptist Church of Minitonas from June 10 to 13. The speaker for the opening session on Thursday evening, June 10, will be the Rev. A. Felberg of Winnipeg. The Rev. Phil. Daum will bring the missionary sermon on Friday evening, June 11. Every organization in the Tri Union will render a number at the festival program planned for Saturday evening, June 12.

During the day business matters will receive attention, and addresses to be followed by discussions on significant subjects will be given by Mr. O. Patzia of Winnipeg, Rev. J. Luebeck of Minitonas and Mr. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago.

On Sunday, June 13, the Sunday School will be addressed by visiting superintendents and leaders. The Rev. G. Palfenier and Mr. M. L. Leuschner, young people's secretary, will bring the closing messages on Sunday.

All delegates and friends intending to go to the association should notify the Rev. J. Luebeck at Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada.

Dakota Conference

The South Dakota Assembly at Plum Creek, June 22 to 25

The 16th annual convention of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of South Dakota will be entertained by the Plum Creek Union from June 22 to 25. Our convention theme this year will be "Increasing Our Efficiency as Christians."

The efficient program committee has prepared a well planned program including several study courses, all of which are directly pertinent to our theme. As previously announced, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner will be one of the instructors and will also deliver evening addresses.

The South Dakota young people and Sunday School workers are especially favored in being under the leadership of as fine an array of pastors as can be found elsewhere in our denomination. Collectively they represent the qualities that insure success in the state program of our organization. May we all cooperate with our pastors and leaders in making the program of the state an outright success!

I hope that each Sunday School and

B. Y. P. U. will have a large representation at the assembly. It affords an excellent opportunity of obtaining the necessary information and inspiration needed to execute a local church program. As young Christians we should not allow this privilege to pass by without receiving something from the storehouse of knowledge and experience.

Let us come up higher from the lowlands and the mire, from the vain pursuit of self, from the attitude of self, to the mountain top of inspiration by attending the assembly and reaffirm the saying, "In unity there is strength."

Charles Voigt, president.

Eastern Conference

Assembly of the German Baptist Association of Ontario to Be Held With the First German Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario June 30 to July 4

Convention Theme: Sanctifying Ourselves to Glorify God.
WEDNESDAY, June 30
7:45 P. M.: Opening service of the Convention.

THURSDAY, July 1
9:30-10 A. M.: Devotional service. Leader, Rev. George Zinz.

10 A. M.: Organization, reports and business session.

2-2:15 P. M.: Devotional service led by one of the Arnprior B. Y. P. U.

2:15 3:15 P. M.: Address by Prof. A. A. Schade.

3:15-4 P. M.: Symposium by four young people of the convention:

1. "Does Jesus challenge the youth of our day?"
2. "Does the youth of our day need Jesus?"
3. "What does youth expect of the church?"
4. "What does the church expect of youth?"

Open discussion for 30 minutes.

7:45 P. M.: Song service.

8 P. M.: A play to be given by the Arnprior B. Y. P. U.

FRIDAY, July 2
9:30-10 A. M.: Devotional service. Leader, A. E. Jaster.

10-10:30 A. M.: Business session.

10:30-11:30 A. M.: Address by Rev. George Zinz.

2-2:15 P. M.: Devotional service led by one of the young people of the convention.

2:15-3:15 P. M.: Address by Prof. A. A. Schade.

3:15-4 P. M.: "The Future of Our Convention." Address by A. E. Jaster and followed by discussion.

7 P. M.: Convention banquet.

SATURDAY, July 3

9:30-10 A. M.: Devotional service.

10-11 A. M.: Finishing of convention business.

11-12 A. M.: Address by Prof. A. A. Schade.

Saturday afternoon free.

SUNDAY, July 4

9:45-11 A. M.: Sunday School session.

11-12 A. M.: Morning worship. Speaker, Rev. George Zinz.

7:30 P. M.: Closing service. Speaker, Prof. A. A. Schade.

Fathers' and Sons' Banquet at Arnprior

Thursday evening, April 22, was a red letter day for the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, as 42 fathers and sons gathered around the beautifully decorated banquet tables. After partaking of a delicious dinner, which had been prepared and served by the Willing Workers, all enjoyed themselves in community singing. The pastor, the Rev. A. E. Jaster, acted as toastmaster and introduced the guest speakers for the occasion. Mr. A. A. MacLean, B. A., barrister of Arnprior, spoke on "Citizenship." He gave a definition of a good and bad citizen, and emphasized honor, truth and loyalty as essential virtues of real manhood and good citizenship. The Rev. L. D. Begg, pastor of the Baptist Church of Renfrew, Ontario, spoke on the life of fathers and sons in the home, and stressed the great need of religion and the family altar in the home of today.

Mr. Wm. Runtz spoke for the fathers of our church. He gave the toast to the sons and briefly spoke about honor and courtesy as something that are often forgotten by the sons of today. Mr. Edgar Burke represented the sons and gave the toast to the fathers. Mr. Burke spoke in words of gratitude about the fine spirit of fellowship that prevails between the parents and children and fathers and sons of our church. He stated that the sons generally aspire to the lives and ideals of the fathers.

After the addresses all enjoyed the sociability in sports and fun.

Reporter.

Mothers'-Daughters' Program in Rochester

On Tuesday evening, May 4, the mothers and daughters of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., held their annual Mothers'-Daughters' program. The dining room was beautifully decorated by the young ladies of the Amity Class, of which Mrs. A. A. Schade is the teacher.

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It soon became apparent that this event was more than merely a mothers' and daughters' entertainment. As we marched into the dining room, Mrs. David Hamel was led to the place of honor under the canopy of streamers and presented with a corsage of yellow roses by Mrs. Condon, president of the class. Mrs. H. Dymmel, the efficient president of the missionary society, had charge of the meeting and explained that we had met to honor our dear pastor's wife, since Mr. Hamel's resignation as pastor of the church is to take effect on June 1. We are very happy, however, to know that Mr. and Mrs. Hamel will remain in Rochester.

Mrs. Dymmel spoke of our deep love for Mrs. Hamel, of her untiring and sacrificial work among us and of her smiling face, even in adversity. Mrs. Pauline Rauschenbusch also paid a fine tribute to Mrs. Hamel and presented to her a gift from the church. A novel feature of the program was the reading of a letter from Mrs. Bertha Hamel Koenig, who expressed her deep appreciation of the love and guidance of her mother, who was also the pastor's wife to her.

Miss Clara Hamel had charge of an impressive candle light service in which both the mothers and daughters present pledged their loyalty to each other and to Christ.

Alma E. Krueger, Reporter.

Southern Conference News from the "Tip of Texas" at Donna

Although we as a B. Y. P. U. at Donna, Texas, are not such a large Union, we can say that our members are a faithful and willing group of workers. Our membership list has increased somewhat and through God's help we continue to press on in his cause. The Rev. L. Hoeffner and his family have proven themselves to be a great help to us, and we are enjoying their presence with us.

Recently a very interesting play was presented by our Union which was entitled, "Farmer Brown's Conversion to the Doctrine of Stewardship." Mr. John Terveen and Mrs. Melvin Terveen very ably took the parts of Farmer Brown and his wife. Others taking part were Louise Hoeffner, Esther Terveen, Bertha Brown, Lena Schroeder, Melvin Terveen and Lawrence Terveen.

Another interesting program recently given was a birthday program, consisting of musical and vocal numbers and several readings. At the close the entire Union marched to the front and coins were deposited in a birthday box amounting to the number of years of their age.

Our programs vary every quarter and each one of them proves to be interesting and beneficial to all present. Our prayers are to be of further and greater service to our Master.

Lena B. Schroeder, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Bethlehem B. Y. P. U. Assumes Charge of an Evening Service

On a recent Sunday the young people's society of the German Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., conducted another of its annual Sunday evening services. The service began with singing led by Albert Schuster. Robert Schreiber, our president, conducted the devotional service. The scripture, Romans 15:1-9, was read by our treasurer. Albert Arthofer, Helen Schreiber and Helmut Schreiber led in prayer. Our Young Men's Quartet, consisting of Messrs. Albert Schuster, P. Schuster, Helmut Schreiber, and David Stangl, rendered the selection, "Beauty for Ashes." The first speaker, Albert Lehman, our vice-president, spoke on the subject, "Living for Others." Another interesting selection was a piano trio by Ruth Sintay, Irma Lehman and Albert Schuster.

All of the young people took part in the program by responding to the roll call with a Bible verse. A mixed quartet, composed of Ethel Tyhun, Esther Arthofer, Bruno Schreiber and David Stangl, sang the selection, "The Great Judgment Morning." Our president, Robert Schreiber, then spoke in the German language on the subject, "If Christ Had Not Risen." After a very inspiring service, our pastor, the Rev. E. Wolff, pronounced the benediction.

Helen V. Schreiber, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference Recent Inspirational Services at Muscatine

From April 6 to 11 the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Muscatine, Iowa, was favored by a visit from the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, editor of "The Baptist Herald" and young people's secretary, under whose leadership together with our pastor, the Rev. A. R. Sandow, we held some wonderful meetings.

We are also very happy to report that our plans for the remodeling of our church have materialized. A new roof was put on the church, new steps were built, the exterior woodwork was repaired and painted and the interior of the building was beautifully redecorated.

On Sunday, May 2, we held the rededication services in the church. Dr. William Kuhn, general missionary secretary, responded to our call to come and to help us celebrate. The messages in the morning and evening services were given by Dr. Kuhn, and the services were under the leadership of our pastor. In the afternoon the young people had charge of the service at which the Rev. Mr. Webster of the First Baptist Church of Muscatine brought the congratulations from his church.

Carl Dippel, Reporter.

Reception for the Rev. J. F. Meyer and Family at Baileyville

On Friday evening, April 9, a reception was held by the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., for its newly received pastor, the Rev. J. F. Meyer, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church of Pound, Wisconsin, and his family.

The program of the evening was presided over by a member of the congregation. The expressions of welcome were given by one of the deacons and the presidents of the various branches of the church. The talks were interspersed with musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental.

Mr. Irving Peterson of Rockford, Ill., who supplied the pulpit of the church regularly for several months before the arrival of Mr. Meyer, congratulated the church upon its new shepherd. The congregation also expressed its heartfelt thanks to Mr. Peterson for his earnest efforts and service.

In taking up the work of the Baileyville church again after an absence of about twenty years, the Rev. J. F. Meyer finds himself associated with many of the members with whom he formerly labored in the service of the Lord.

In response Mr. Meyer recalled events and experiences of his former pastorate in the church, some of which were humorous while others were earnest words touching upon the successes and failures in the work of gathering souls into the Kingdom of God. He also asked for the earnest cooperation of the membership in bending all efforts to the end that God's people might be revived and souls gathered into the fold.

Louise Zimmerman, Reporter.

Pacific Conference The Active Program of the B. Y. P. U. of Franklin, Calif.

The B. Y. P. U. of the German Baptist Church of Franklin, Calif., has carried on its work during the past year with reasonable success with the help of our Lord and Master, even though our church has been without a permanent pastor.

We meet twice a month on Sunday evenings, having full charge of the service. Our programs are varied in order to stimulate interest. We are also having an attendance contest, the losing side treating the other group to a social.

Our officers for this year are as follows: Frank Veninga, president; John Wageman, vice-president and secretary; Edna Koschel, assistant secretary; and Ted Ehniz, treasurer.

We held our anniversary program on Sunday evening, April 11. It consisted of literary and musical numbers and an address by the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke, now a member of our church, on "Jesus as Our Ideal."

John Wageman, Secretary.

Recent Inspirational Activities of the Anaheim B. Y. P. U.

On Easter Sunday, March 28, the B. Y. P. U. of the Bethel Baptist Church in Anaheim, California, presented the pageant, "Christ in America," before a large and attentive audience in the church auditorium.

We also had the privilege of conducting a service of the San Pedro Seamen's Rest Mission on Easter Monday, March 29. Our pastor, the Rev. O. R. Schroeder, brought a soul-searching message.

The Ambassadors, a quartet from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, were our guests on Sunday, April 11, when the Philathea and the Sons of Bethel Classes entertained them and friends at an evening supper. Afterwards the members of the quartet presented several numbers and gave their testimonies. Daily Bible study and prayer were stressed in their messages. The quartet and Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitwell, also of the Bible Institute, had charge of the B. Y. P. U. monthly program held in the main auditorium of the church. The quartet members included Roy and Ralph Kraft, Leland Frisen, all members of the German Baptist Church of Wasco, California, and Gordon Hyde. The Kraft twins played accordions, vibra harp and clarinets in duet numbers. Leland Frisen sang "Memories" as a bass solo and played several numbers on his musical saw. The piano accompaniments were played by Mr. Hyde. Mr. Whitwell brought an inspiring message at the service.

Following the inspiring evening about 45 members of the society, the quartet and Mr. and Mrs. Whitwell met at the home of our president, Lois A. Schroeder, for our monthly "Song Fest." Roy Kraft led the group singing and many new choruses were learned. We can truly say that this evening brought a new inspiration to every person who attended to live a decided life for Christ.

Ruth H. Jungkeit, Secretary.

OBITUARY

HATTIE LANGE BONKOWSKY

One of the most faithful workers of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 1937, in the Cleveland Osteopathic Hospital. Our dear sister, Mrs. Hattie W. Bonkowsky, was sick only a short time. Many prayed for her recovery but God called her home.

She was born in Cleveland on Nov. 1, 1903, converted as a girl and baptized by the late Rev. Wm. Appel. She was married on Oct. 26, 1935, to Mr. Otto Bonkowsky. Their married life was a happy one, even though very brief. The Rev. S. Blum and the Rev. J. Leybold officiated at the memorial service.

The crowded church, the many floral tributes and the presence of various World Wide Guilds were proof of the love and esteem in which our sister was held. She was sponsor of the teen aged Guild, Sunday School teacher, choir member, soloist and pianist. She also attended the Linwood Park Assemblies.

Our departed sister is survived by her sorrowing husband, grief-stricken mother, one bereaved sister, two nephews, two aunts and two uncles. May the God of all comfort sustain them in their loss!

J. Leybold.

Cleveland, O., Erin Ave. Church.

Daily Bible Readings

Based on the International Sunday School Lessons

Friday, June 4

False Readiness

Read Luke 22:31-33

Saturday, June 5

Service, the Measure of Greatness

Read Matthew 20:25-28

Sunday, June 6

Faithful Stewards

Read Luke 19:11-19

Monday, June 7

Judah's Plea to Joseph

Read Genesis 44:18-24

Tuesday, June 8

Judah's Pledge to Joseph

Read Genesis 44:25-34

Wednesday, June 9

Brotherly Love

Read 1 John 2:1-11

Thursday, June 10

A Christian Community

Read Acts 2:41-47

Friday, June 11

Family Life

Read Ephesians 6:1-8

Saturday, June 12

Helping the Weak

Read Galatians 6:1-6

Sunday, June 13

Sincere Love

Read Romans 12:9-18

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Monday, June 14

Joseph's Kindness to His Father

Read Genesis 46:1-7

Tuesday, June 15

Joseph's Kindness to His Brothers

Read Genesis 46:28-30; 50:24-26

Wednesday, June 16

Remembering Loved Ones

Read Colossians 2:1-5

Thursday, June 17

Honoring Parents

Read Proverbs 1:7-9

Friday, June 18

Forgiving One Another

Read Colossians 3:12-17

Saturday, June 19

Standing By One Another

Read Nehemiah 4:19-23

A SONG FOREVER

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"Life today is like jazz," the evangelist explained, "emphasizing things temporal rather than eternal, physical beauty and charm rather than soul beauty, physical culture rather than mental culture, striving to discover where we came from and showing little interest in man's eternal destiny, endeavoring to link him to a brute ancestry, not caring that there is but one Mediator between God and men, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS."

"But I say unto you, in the words of Jesus Christ, 'What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?'"

(To Be Continued)

A Chat About Books

By the Editor

Vacation Bible Schools are being considered by many churches to be as essential to the church's religious program for the year as the Sunday School itself. It can be shown conclusively that often the boys and girls attending a Vacation Bible School of four weeks' duration receive as much religious instruction as they would normally receive in 52 Sunday School periods.

The literature and material for such a Vacation Bible School should be selected with care by the minister or leaders of the school. Much will depend on the length of the school and the financial means available for its support. Free packets with helpful suggestions and a catalogue of all available material will be sent to anyone who requests it of the editor.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST BOOKS

The text books of the Southern Baptist Convention for Vacation Bible Schools of 3 or 4 weeks' duration are unexcelled for most of our churches. They are large books of 9 by 12 inches in size, printed in large type and bound with a fine, heavy grade of flexible cardboard. A series of 12 graded and correlated textbooks have been published with 2 volumes for the Beginners, 3 for the Primary, 4 for the Junior and 3 for the Intermediate departments. Each one of these books, which is exclusively for the use of the teacher, sells for \$1.00. The series is highly recommended for widespread use in our churches.

Each book has 20 complete daily programs for the three hour sessions of the morning classes. About 15 pages of interesting material appear at the front of the book with much invaluable material covering the general work of the department. Each book also carries appendices of games, music and handwork patterns with illustrations and further supplementary material for the various classes.

It will be most advisable to begin with the first books in the series for each department. Book One for the Beginners deals with the themes of God's care, Obedience, Learning about Jesus and Kindness. An adapted Bible story is prepared for four days of each week. The words and music of special songs for the little children are also published. Book One for the Primary children considers God's Wonderful Book, Jesus, Learning to Obey and Learning to be Kind. The first volume for Juniors is called "Junior Assets—Opportunity, Time, Influence and Money." Programs for sword and Bible drills, memory and notebook work and other expressional activities

are outlined. The first book of the Intermediate Series takes the pupil through the gospel according to Mark.

"The Vacation Bible School Guide" by Dr. H. L. Grice, secretary in charge of the Vacation Bible School department, which costs only 40 cents for a paper bound copy, should be studied by everyone making preparations for such a school. It is a comprehensive manual that describes the best methods for the organizing and promotion of a Vacation Bible School. Almost any question that might arise in connection with a Vacation Bible School is answered by Dr. Grice in this splendid volume. It also contains chapters on the daily programs and helpful appendices for the school director.

A number of other general books dealing with the conduct of a Vacation Bible School are also available, a general list of which can be secured in the catalogue of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

For small Vacation Bible Schools held for a short period of two weeks, where the means for books and literature are limited, "the Single Bible Courses" published by the American Sunday School Union of Philadelphia, Pa., are to be highly recommended.

These books, consisting of approximately 50 or more pages and bound with heavy cardboard, cost only 25 cents each. Every volume contains a full program for a two weeks' course with stories for the age of the class, teachers' helps, and suggestions for notebook work, object talks, and the worship services. There are three books for the Primary department, which should be used successively from the first to the third volume. If the school should extend for an entire month, the first two volumes of this series could be used. There are also three volumes, edited by able and successful religious teachers, for the Junior Department. Each of these six Primary and Junior volumes combines the study of the Old Testament and New Testament stories and characters in its series.

The Teacher's Manual of 134 pages, which costs 50 cents, should be had by every teacher, or at least by the leader, of such a small Vacation Bible School. It deals particularly with the teacher's qualifications, the organization of the school and its program, memory and hand work, the final public program and other features that ensure a successful school. It also contains 20 chalk, health and object talks and 30

missionary stories suitable for boys and girls of Primary and Junior age.

For the older boys and girls, preferably the Intermediate age, a fine volume has been prepared by Dr. James McConaughy, editor of publications of the American Sunday School Union, entitled "The Life Story of the Lord Jesus as Mark Tells It." The teacher's edition of 64 pages costs 40 cents, the student's edition of 46 pages, which should be in every student's hands, if possible, costs only 25 cents. It contains 10 interesting and suggestive chapters covering the entire life of Jesus for a full two-weeks' course in the Vacation Bible School.


For the older groups in the Vacation Bible School excellent use could be made of the book, "His Unchanging Word" by Dr. William Evans, which contains 10 lessons on "A Survey of the Bible" and 10 further lessons on "How to Master the Bible." The first half of the book could be used for one year and the second half for the next year if the school is held only for two weeks. This book is richly suggestive for the teacher and student, Scripturally sound with a conservative teaching and very easy to teach. The cloth bound copy of this book of 128 pages, also published by the American Sunday School Union, costs 75 cents.

NORTHERN BAPTIST MATERIAL

The list of the most recent and the finest available textbooks for Vacation Church Schools published cooperatively for use in many evangelical denominations has recently been announced by the American Baptist Publication Society. Each of the following books costs \$1.00. They include such titles as "Our Happy World" and "Let's Go Out-of-Doors" for the Beginners, "Learning About Our Church" and "Bible Homes and Home Today" for Primary children, "Friends at Work" and "Living in Our Community" for Juniors, and "Discovering God in the Beautiful" and "Our Living Church" for Intermediates.

Other books which are known as the "Baptist Vacation Church Texts" are available at 40 and 75 cents. Each volume is adapted to the needs of the department by experienced editors.

All the text books, lesson helps, manuals and other material for your Vacation Bible School published by any of the above named Sunday School boards should be ordered through the German Baptist Publication Society, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Free circulars with complete lists of supplementary books and all kinds of supplies for Vacation Bible Schools will be sent on request by addressing the editor at Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS

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Leuschner of Chicago and others. The Rev. Assaf Husmann, pastor of the local church, was in charge of the fine program.

Mr. John Kuehn, a graduating student of the German Baptist Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has accepted the call extended to him by the West Ebenezer Church in Saskatchewan, Canada. He will be ordained into the ministry during the sessions of the Northern Conference to be held at the East Ebenezer Church from July 7 to 11 with Professor F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester N. Y., scheduled to bring the ordination sermon.

The Walnut Street Baptist Church of Muscatine, Iowa, held a dedication program on Sunday, May 2, following the redecorating and remodeling of the church building at an approximate cost of \$1500. The Rev. William Kuhn, D. D., general missionary secretary, was the guest preacher at the morning and evening services. In the afternoon the young people's society with Mr. Ernest Holtz as president had charge of a program in which the address was brought by the Rev. Vance Webster, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Muscatine, before a large audience. Special inspirational services were held in the Muscatine Church from April 6 to 11 with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner speaking at all the services. The Rev. A. R. Sandow has been ably serving the church as its minister since October of 1936.

On Wednesday evening, May 19, the 49th annual May Festival was held in the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass. The roll call of the church's members and organizations was read by Mr. Fred Schlichting, the clerk, and the program of musical numbers and recitations was in charge of the music committee composed of Mrs. Margaret Sproul, Mrs. Fred Schlichting and Mrs. Gordon McDonald. On Friday, May 7, a German service was rendered for the benefit of the German members of the church with the Rev. Richard Wolf, a neighboring German pastor, bringing the message. On Wednesday evening, May 12, Mr. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago addressed the midweek service of the church. The Rev. Earl S. Kalland, pastor of the Rock Hill Church, will receive his B. Th. degree from the Gordon School of Theology early in June.

The 10th anniversary of the ministry of the Rev. John Schmidt in the First German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., was celebrated by the church on Mother's Sunday, May 9. A large bouquet of flowers and a generous gift were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt by the church. Mr. Schmidt spoke very appropriately at the morning service on "The Joy of a Christian

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Minister." On Monday, May 10, the ministers and their wives of the Ministers' Association of New York and Vicinity were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt at a delicious supper following their monthly program and many congratulations were extended to them at that time. Prof. Wm. A. Mueller of Philadelphia and Mr. M. L. Leuschner of Chicago were also present and had a share in the festivities. Brother Schmidt's ministry of 10 years in the First Church of Union City has been accompanied by eventful blessings of God.

On Sunday, May 2, the Rev. Gustav Schmidt, pastor of the West Baltimore Church of Baltimore, Md., baptized 6 persons and received these and 3 others into the fellowship of the church. He had baptized 7 other persons on confession of their faith in Christ on Easter Sunday. On Friday evening, May 7, the Young Women's Auxiliary and Girls' Auxiliary gave the play, "Janey," and repeated its presentation on Friday evening May 21, at the Mayfield Baptist Home for the Aged. The active counselor of the group, Gertrude Kobernick, was appointed as a delegate from Baltimore to attend the annual conference at Ridgecrest, No. Carolina, from June 23 to 30. On Sunday, June 13, the Rev. G. Schmidt will celebrate the 15th anniversary as pastor of the church and at the same time the church will celebrate its 32nd anniversary and the Sunday School under the leadership of Mr. John Buchwald will observe the Children's Day festival.

The 14th annual spring institute of the Y. P. and S. S. W. Union of Western New York and Pennsylvania was held from April 23 to 25 in the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa. Delegations were present from the churches in Rochester, Buffalo and Erie for an encouraging attendance. On Friday evening the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit spoke on "The Purpose of Living." On Sunday morning Prof. H. Dymmel addressed the congregation on the theme, "Is Your Life Borrowed or Given?" Preceding the communion service on Sunday afternoon, Mr. M. L. Leuschner spoke on "Spiritual Dividends in Serving Others." Mr. Harvey Koester brought the Sunday evening message on "Useful Living." More than 125 people attended the Saturday evening banquet at which a brief inspirational address was brought by the Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor of the local church. Two discussions were held on Saturday on "Can We Be Popular—and Christian Too?" and "Service and Self-Mastery" led by Messrs. M. L. Leuschner and Harvey Koester, respectively. Miss Ellen Hamel, president of the Union, was in charge of the worshipful services. The interesting sightseeing trips were arranged by Herman Wazenegger and Colonel Evans.

